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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

International Women's Day on March 8, like International Workers' Day on May 1, is a holiday with deep roots in the struggles of working people in the U.S. that was nearly lost in obscurity in the country that initiated it because of anti-communism, racism and sexism. But the women's liberation movement of the '60's and early '70's, led by the Women's History Archive in Berkeley, resurrected and reclaimed the holiday as a celebration of struggle and solidarity. Women mobilized and radicalized in the civil rights and anti-war movements, but frustrated by male chauvinism in those movements, stood up to struggle against their own societal oppression as women, and made the holiday their own.

The commemoration is international because the oppression of women is a central aspect of the global system of exploitation and colonialism. The day was selected the struggles of working women in all countries on a date marking strikes by women workers in the U.S. as far back as 1857 by the Socialist International, before that body split apart by socialist collaboration in imperialist wars. It was celebrated by socialist, communist and anarchist as well as feminist forces in many countries. Yet in the U.S., it was forgotten for a generation or more. Its importance in the rejuvenation of the women's movement in the U.S. was also because its earliest adherents sought to promote internationalism and anti-imperialism as guiding principles of women's struggle in this country. Those principles are more relevant than ever today. In Mexico, for example, one of the first acts of the EZLN in commencing the renewal of the Zapatista revolution was to adopt a law on women's rights as they maintain with their own oppressors on the basis of "male-bonding" with men of the ruling elite. If we do this, we can never change ourselves, let alone participate fully and consciously in changing the world.

At the same time, the struggle for women's liberation, and for lesbian and gay rights, must be an anti-racist and anti-imperialist struggles. Repeatedly in U.S. history, the women's movement has sold out people of color and their struggle for justice, and in so doing fatally adulterated the effort to liberate all women, as well. Central figures in the U.S. women's movement, ranging from Elizabeth Cady ruling racist and chauvinist ideas of their day as central aspects of their supoposedly "pro-woman" ideology and rationale. Arguments such as justifying the vote for white women to counter the enfranchisement of former slaves, promoting contraception to reduce the "non-Aryan" population, or framing women's struggle in terms of equal access to middle class and managerial positions were hypocritical and self-defeating, as well as supportive of a system of hierarchy and colonial domination. This is fatal to any possibility of genuine liberation.

Furthermore, the history of both the organized white supremacist movement and the Christian/fascist right has shown that women can be organized as women, to defend both their own privileges and oppression within the system. White women were active in building the Ku Klux Klan in the 20th Century, and continue to participate in that movement, in various factions ranging from the neo-nazi skinheads to the KKK to David Duke's National Association for the Advancement of White People. Phyllis Schlafly's Eagle Forum is predicated on the idea that white Christian women can do in the U.S. what reactionary women in Chile other acts of terror. While the gender gap in U.S. politics is testimony to the more progressive inclinations of women compared to men, there is little reason to neglect conscious and vigorous struggle against racism and for solidarity in organizing women as well as men to fight for women's equality and rights.

PART is dedicated to anti-sexism as well as anti-racism. The recent hysteria over the Bobbitts exposed the raw nerve of castration anxiety among men. This is akin to the massive paranoia that gripped white slave-owning communities about the possibility of slave rebellions; it is rooted in guilt and fear, the projection that women (or slaves), having been mutilated and victimized for millenia, will rise up and vengefully turn the tables. But the fact is, it is men who have cut ourselves off from our own penises by fetishizing them as phalluses, emblems of male power over women. We have severed our bodies from our minds and forfeited our emotional life by making sex a power game. In this way, the cry for "free love" in the 60's, far from breaking love out of the shackles of commodity capitalism and the patriarchal family system, only served intensify women's exploi-

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Anti-racists must be pro-feminist because no movement which does not uphold the liberation of women can ever make a fundamental break with imperialism and colonialism. An anti-racist movement which oppresses or ignores women, is not worthy of the name. A movement which under-estimates the power that the system gains from patriarchal political, social and economic relations, is incapable of threatening that system. Some men proclaim themselves anti-racists or revolutionaries, yet fail to perceive or to overcome the identification elite. If we do this, we can never change ourselves, let alone participate fully and consciously in changing the world.

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Rosa Parks

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By making it demeaning to be on the receiving end of a penis, by making "cunt, asshole, cocksucker" curse-words, we ultimately make it demeaning to have a penis. It is from the phallus, the power-symbol, the identification with our own oppressors, that men must cut ourselves loose. We cannot free ourselves from self-hatred by beating our chests or collectively embracing masculinism and a spurious "primitivism." We must uproot our identification with and as oppressors. Only in this way can we affirm sensuality, sexuality and pleasure as aspects of human liberation. Only by identifying with women in their struggle for liberation will we free ourselves as well and achieve humanity.

KNOW THE ENEMY

A Chinese proverb has it that if you know the enemy, and know yourself, you can fight a thousand battles and never be defeated. More recently, Pogo, a comic strip character who poked fun at McCarthyite politicians and sanctimonious preachers during the 50's, when that was a risky proposition, coined the saying, "We have met the enemy and he is us." Understanding that the enemy is not only external to us, or opposite to us, but that indeed the enemy is within us as well, is vital to anti-racists. We cannot demonize our enemy without dehumanizing ourselves as well.

But having said that, it is still crucial to understand the nature and operation of our enemy, the root sources of the racism we are trying to uproot. If we believe we are dealing only with ignorance, or stupidity, or intolerance, (rather than with injustice and self-serving power), we will pursue only well-meaning efforts that will not succeed in dealing with the problem. We will be ill-prepared for the consequences even these efforts call down on us if the real enemy feels at all threatened. We are up against a system whose survival depends on racism; a system that produces and reproduces racism in generation after generation, despite any contrary ideals it professes; a system that will in fact take desperate measures to defend, sustain, and perpetuate racism. Because racism is vital to, and inextricable from, the functioning of the system as a whole.

So we need to understand the mechanisms which this racist system uses to propagate itself and to attack or neutralize those it considers its enemies. In the past few issues of Turning the Tide, we have looked at several principles essential to a healthy anti-racist movement: self-respect, self-determination, self-defense, solidarity, spirituality, struggle, self-criticism, and socialism. This month we want to examine the nature of the beast, and again, as a mnemonic device, break out of the shackles of commoditization, colonization and criminalization, the system will resort to its twin tactics of coercion and cooptation, the stick and the carrot, to intimidate or buy off its opposition. This essay will briefly examine each of these five aspects in turn, and separate sections of this issue of TTT will address crime and colonialism in greater depth.

Commodities are the building blocks of the system under which we live. "Commodities" does not only mean the kind of trading that self a commodity. Some people make millions of dollars buying and selling money all over the world. As money makes or begets money in this way, all sense of the true, inherent value of human endeavor or planetary existence is lost. What's more, our creative capacities become a commodity, bought and sold on the labor market for wages. Under capitalist slavery, the most brutal and degrading form of exploitation ever devised, human beings themselves became commodities — things to be purchased, used and discarded. Racism was invented first of all to justify this dehumanization.

But it is almost equally shameful to buy and sell the land, the air, or the water, all of which our society continues to do. Here in Los Angeles, the "right" to poison the air has become a commodity, in which companies trade authorizations to produce smog. Around the country, homelessness is a manifestation not of personal failings in the homeless, nor some lack of charitability in our national character, but quite simply of the fact that, because land is private property with a dollar value measured in rent, decent housing is a commodity which has been priced out of people's reach. Defying the commodity system by squatting is a crime; even giving away food to people has been criminalized. to white babies. And women's bodies in general have long been a prized commodity, bought or rented for sexual exploitation or used to market other commodities with the promise of "sex." The destruction of the environment is rooted in a system that only sees the value of something that can processed and sold for a profit.

The guiding principle of commodities is always "buy low, sell high," meaning that the competitive advantage always goes to the one who can corner the market, monopolize the source materials or control the distribution of the product. But of course, monopoly is the antithesis of competition, a situation in which one "competitor" remains, having swallowed or destroyed the rest. (Yet this doctrine of competition, self-destructive and self-contradictory as it is, has gripped and shaped the psychology of everyone within the confines of the system.)

Of course, there is no price lower than free. Theft, pure and simple, is the impulse of colonization, as it was of slavery: to take what belongs to or is produced by others, especially other cultures or systems, and by absorbing it into our own commodity economy, assigning it a vast commodity exchange value where it had none before. The profit percentage on the sale

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This system, is of course, capitalism, the system based on the rule of the dollar over all human endeavors. It functions through commoditization — turning all human relationships, products, and capacities into commodities, artifacts to be bought and sold for a profit. But equally essential to the system as a defining element is colonization, the conquest and expropriation of land, labor and resources from their original inhabitants. Criminalization is another central aspect of the functioning of this system — dissent or resistance is a crime, even work or survival in themselves can be deemed a crime. Finally, when people try to break out of the shackles of commoditization, colonization and criminalization, the system will resort to its twin tactics of coercion and cooptation, the stick and the carrot, to intimidate or buy off its opposition. This essay will briefly examine each of these five aspects in turn, and separate sections of this issue of TTT will address crime and colonialism in greater depth.

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The global economy is a commodity economy. Not only are goods and products traded, but Capital itself flows around the world constantly seeking cheaper labor, constantly driving the cost of labor power down towards or below the cost of reproducing and sustaining human life. Blood and human body parts are commodities today; children are killed for their organs. Procreative capacity is a commodity, as surrogate mothers rent their wombs; top dollar in the international baby market goes of course

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As the system has matured, it continues to colonize and re-colonize both other territories and people and also within itself. It has also heightened and intensified colonization by injecting into the colonized lands and people the system of commodity production and exchange. This creates new markets (driving up prices) and incorporates new workers (reducing the costs of labor and of reproducing capital). But just as the worker, whose ability to work is a commodity, can never make enough money to recapture what she produces, the capitalism developed within the colonies is predicated on being subordinate, and can never overcome that condition of subordination or overtake the colonizer.

The state has grown up to enforce and carry out that conquest, colonization, and confiscation domestically and internationally. Those who run the state seek a monopoly on power, the intoxicating and corrupting ability to force people to do what you want. And the essence of this state power is criminalization; defining and carrying out the punishment for disobedience. Criminalization serves several purposes, right up to the present moment. First of all, colonized people are criminalized in their essence. Whoever is not a colonizer and citizen is per se a criminal. Non-payment of taxes and tribute — refusing to transfer wealth to the capitalists for free — is the first crime. Next is the fail-

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gime. This is the same approach that has sustained male supremacy through dichotomizing women as "madonna or whore;" the same protection racket that says a woman is either legitimized by association with a particular male who favors her, or "fair game" to all men who target her.

Cooptation and coercion never operate alone or in a vacuum; one is always the symbiotic partner of the other in defusing threats to the system. The torturers trained by the CIA in Central and Latin America learned that only by alleviating the pain does the torturer break his victim's will and gain his collaboration. The cooptive offer makes it harder to withstand the coercion; the threat of coercion makes the appeal of cooptation all the more attractive. Far from opposing each other, or keeping each other honest, the liberal and conservative variants of capitalism/colonialism operate smoothly in tandem.

The revolutionary challenge posed by anti-colonial forces to this system and strategy, is that of non-collaboration. His embrace of non-collaboration, defying both coercion and cooptation by apartheid-colonialism during a quarter century in prison, is what endeared Nelson Mandela to millions. More so than violence, this replacement of the colonizer's values, goods and belief system is what fueled

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Criminalization also serves two other essential purposes: it marginalizes people; and it drives them into the hands of organized crime, which far from being in contradiction to the system, is dependent on and supportive of it. The psychology of a petty or a major criminal is not opposed to the dollar mentality of the commodity/colonial system. The continuum from crime to business to government is not seamless, but they mesh together fairly well. Today, criminalization also functions as a method of re-enslavement and re-colonization. The prison industry is a growth mechanism; Gov. Pete Wilson of California is apparently relying on it to replace aerospace as the motor of the state's economy. The prisons fill up with people of color, penal colonies that serve as a cross between slave labor camps and concentration camps. The differing crimes for which men and women are arrested, the differing arrest rates and charges against whites and people of color, draw a searing outline of oppression and stratification in our society.

To protect this system of commodities, colonialism and crime, the rulers who benefit from it use the twin tactics of coercion and cooptation. Their use of these tactics is grounded in and colored by racism from start to finish. During the era of settlement and slavery in America, for example, the color line between white indentured servants on the one hand, and African slaves and indigenous nations on the other, was enforced and solidified through both punishment of those whites who crossed the line, and inducements for those who didn't. But similar tactics were used with people of color, though in different measure (more coercion and less cooptation). The loyalty to their masters of those slaves who were prepared to sell out the freedom conspiracies eroded the solidarity of all the slaves, and made possible the execution of the most militant leaders. Native people prepared to turn their lands into "property" for sale to the colonizers recived a "fair price," while those who resisted the resulting reservation system were hounded and killed.

These strategies continue to this day. The fierce repression of the Black Panther Party, the Puerto Rican Nationalists, the American Indian Movement, the Brown Berets made the prospects of reintegration into the comforts of the system all the more attractive to white student radicals in the 60's and 70's, for instance. The combination of coercion and cooptation is always designed to make shutting up a lot more attractive than putting up when the time comes to make the choice of put up or shut up. This is same strategy carried out by the tough cop/nice cop interrogation team, the same false choice presented by conservative and liberal parties that both support the state and the re-posing each other, or keeping each other honest, the liberal and conservative variants of capitalism/colonialism operate smoothly in tandem.

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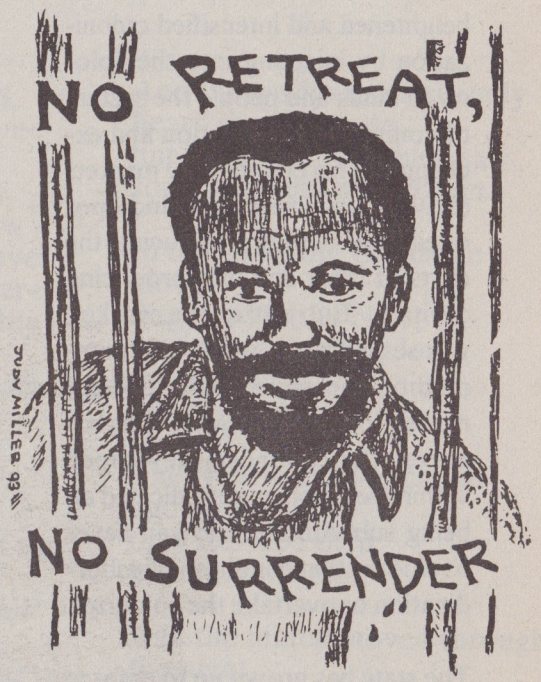
CONFRONTING

Political Prisoners

Jim McCloskey has presented new evidence to L.A. District Attorney, Gil Garcetti, which again proves that Geronimo ji jaga (Pratt) is innocent of the crime for which he has spent 24 years in prison. [Geronimo is the former leader of the Black Panther Party, who led the successful defense of the L.A. chapter of the BPP against a murderous onslaught by the L.A.P.D., and who was thereafter framed up for murder. The FBI knew he was innocent, having surveillance which showed he was in Oakland when the crime he was convicted of took place in L.A. What's more, the police and FBI infiltrated and compromised Geronimo's defense team during his trial. The L.A.P.D., even under Willie Williams, has continued to sabotage efforts for Geronimo's release. Now, beyond these realities, McCloskey has developed a case that points at the actual perpetrators of the murder for which Geronimo is unjustly serving time. - ed.] The International Campaign to Free geronimo is looking at this period as a critical time to mobilize pressure on Mr. Garcetti to take action on this evidence to free Geronimo. We are in touch with many of the community leaders and politicians who have expressed support for Geronimo in the past, and are asking them to contact the L.A. District Attorney's office immediately.

On January 7, Geronimo was transferred to Mule Creek Prison, in Ione, just east of Sacramento. Since this is a level 3 facility, rather than the level 4 Geronimo was at in Tehachapi, his conditions there should be somewhat less intense. They are not. Geronimo reports ill treatment in a recent update: "After a most grueling transfer here to Mule Creek, i was immediately taken to the hole under the ludicrous excuse of them not having my central files. After a week in the hole, i was finally taken to a lesser restricted cage on orientation row and kept there for an additional six days. At that time, i was brought before a unit classification panel and released into general population status, but under the threat of being double-celled in this single cell space." [The Department of Corrections continues to try to break Geronimo's will and resistance. In fact, this only serves to make clear the political nature of his imprisonment. He is being held, not for the crime he didn't commit, but because of his beliefs and because he is a revolutionary. -ed.]

We would like to thank all of you who swamped the California Department of Corrections with your demands that Geronimo be transferred. However, once again the CDC has refused to place Geronimo in a less stressful environment, which was our plea. In another recent correspondence, Geronimo wrote: "Why even the most repugnant prisoners, after 24 years, are treated with some degree of slack and allowed to at least be left alone."



As we move into 1994, the International Campaign is more determined than ever to make this the year that Geronimo will be free. For this to happen, we will need your help. Please make a commitment right now to do one or more of the following: make a donation to the International Campaign, at the address below. Circulate our petition to gather signatures in support of Geronimo. This is a new petition that will be brought to the L.A. District Attorney. Since a decision from the D.A. could come as early as March, it is critical that you get in touch with the International Campaign immediately. Write to the Los Angeles D.A. with your demand that he do everything in his power to exonerate Geronimo and free him immediately. Send your letter to: Gil Garcetti, Los Angeles District Attorney, 210 W. Temple/ Rm. 18-1000, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

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Only water birds and animals

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THE WORLD ON TURTLE'S BACK
by
Joy Walsh

Chinisee, Beautiful Valley
remembers the words of
Cornplanter,
who heard them from Handsome
Lake,
the last prophet to tell the
Senecan Story
of the beginning of things.

The words of Cornplanter
are still in her ears
after all the years

crossing
the flat
splitting the valley:

"Once all earth did not exist,
all land
was covered with water.
Only water birds and animals
realized happening."

She followed a northward
course,
emptied into lakes,
rushed through
a deep gorge . . .

"Woman fell from the sky.
Ducks interlaced their wings
to receive her.

Turtle said, 'I will lift
my back
above the water.'

Muskrat dove
to the bottom of the waters.
Bringing up soil,
he piled it on Turtle's back.

Ducks placed Woman
on Turtle's back.
There she gave birth
to Beautiful Daughter.

Beautiful Daughter mated
with Invislble Lover,
also known as The Wind.

She bore Good Spirit,
also known as Sapling
or Right Handed Twin,

then Bad Spirit,
also known as F11nt
or Left Handed Twin.

Sapling created
fruits, berries,
and man.

Bad Spirit brought poison ivy
rattlesnakes
nettles
and gnats.

Beautiful Daughter died.
Maize grew from her breasts,
sweet milk was in all its kernels.
Long leaves of tobacco
grew from her head,
yellow squash came from her
body,
beans from her fingers,
tubers from her toes,

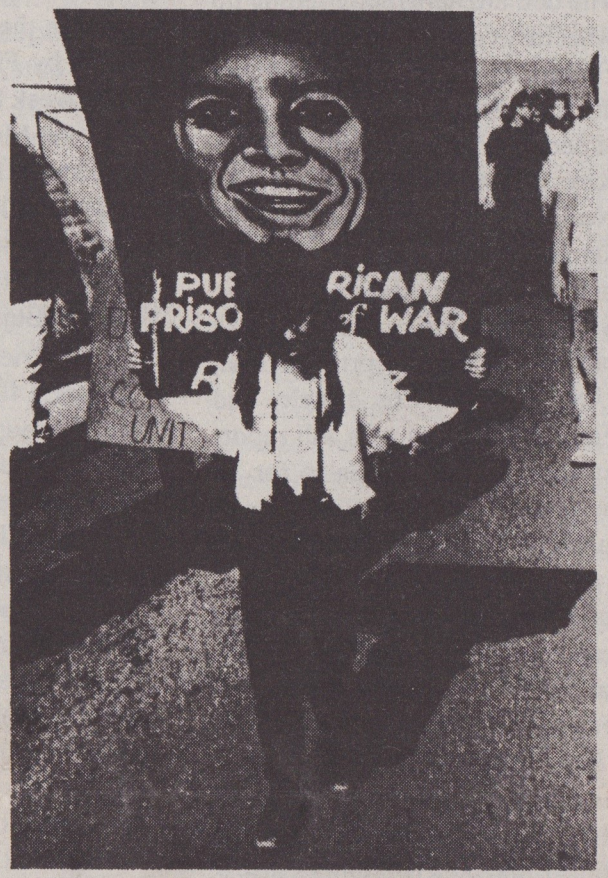
and she was called Earth
Mother."

—Seneca

U.S. COLONIALISM

Puerto Rico

The Case of the Puerto Rican Political Prisoners and POWs



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19 Puerto Rican men and women are presently serving sentences ranging from 15 to 90 years, scattered in prisons throughout the U.S. Far from families, friends and supporters, the majority of these prisoners have been sentenced for crimes involving no specific actions. Most have been charged with "seditious conspiracy" to overthrow the U.S. government, simply because they were involved in organized activities opposing U.S. government intervention in the affairs of Puerto Rico. Several have also beenm charged with membership in groups that the U.S. government regards as terrorist, despite the fact that actual acts of "terrorism" have, in almost all cases, neither been proven nor even charged. Puerto Ricans across the political spectrum regard these prisoners as patriots. United efforts around the prisoners have brought together elected officials, religious leaders, labor unions and community groups. Seen as the most obvious symbols of colonial repression, the prisoners have been supported by campaigns calling for their immediate release, based on the clear mandates of the United Nations decolonization guidelines.

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The U.S. government has systematically imposed severe conditions designed to break the prisoners' spririts, drawing condemnations by human rights organizations such as Amnesty International. These conditions include inhumane seclusion in control units, 23 hour-a day lockdown, no visits, curtailment of correspondence and telephone privileges, denial of appropriate medical treatment, sexual harassment of female prisoners through cavity searches by male guards, and harassment of family, friend and legal advisors One of the most notorious cases of cruel and inhuman treatment occurred to Alejandrina Torres, a former secretary at Chicago's First Congregational Church (UCC). Alejandrina was imprisoned in the Lexington Control Unit, where she was not permitted to participate in recreational activities or to attend religious services. In 1984, following a visit by her daughter and her husband, Rev. Jose Torres, and following the one strip search generally required after such visits, a male guard brutally assaulted her and forced her to submit to a second strip search. Though the Lexington Unit was closed following a visit by massive educational campaign, Alejandrina remains in prison, having suffered a heart attack due to the trauma or her ordeal. The Lexington Campaign shows, however, that with popular education and action, positive change can occur.

- **Ofensiva '92**, Apartado Postal 20190, Rio Piedras Puerto Rico 00928, is the coordinating body in Puerto Rico supporting the political prisoners and POWs.
- **The National Committee to Free the Puerto Rican POWs**, P.O.B.476698, Chicago, IL 60647, is a U.S. -based group which publishes the bilingual monthly **Libertad** and coordinates various educational campaigns.
- **Interfaith Prisoners of Conscience Project**, 2120 Lincoln s treet, Evanston IL 60201, is a unit of the National Council of Churches which mobilizes faith-based support, **Can't Jail the Spirit**, co-published by the Project, can be ordered for $16 from E. Youniss, c/o 59 E. Van Buren # 1400, Chicago, IL 60605.
- **The Unitary Committee Against Repression** (CUCRE), P.O.B. 20190, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico 00928, publishes **Blanco Y Negro** (in Spanish).

UPDATE ON HATE

HOLOCAUST REVISIONISTS

Internal squabbling among neo-nazi Holocaust "revisionists" has come out into the open, with an apparent split between long-time leader Willis Carto, publisher of the Spotlight newspaper, and Mark Weber, editor of the principal revisionist journal. Weber announced that the Institute for Historical Review, which he joined several years ago from neo-nazi William Pierce's National Alliance, was severing all ties with Carto, "for the good of the organization." Carto has a long history of faction fighting within the white supremacist movement, including a long series of on-again, off-again battles for control of the Populist Party.

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ANTI-ABORTION VIOLENCE

Rochelle Shannon, the Oregon woman who shot Dr. George Tiller twice outside a Wichita KS women's clinic last year, is apparently implicated in a number of clinic bombings and arsons across the country. She told the Wichita Eagle that police have found several of her diaries, which provided "detailed accounts" of clinic violence. Her letters to the paper mention clinic fires in Helena MT, Boise ID, Beaumont TX, and Fargo ND. Shannon's daughter was subpoenaed to testify before federal grand jury in Oregon, where Shannon is a suspect in an arson at an Ashland, OR, clinic. "I came to the conclusion that there was nothing wrong with (burning down clinics)," Shannon told the newspaper, "especially when you see the results like we've had in Redding, CA, where the place was closed down for eight months." The women's clinic in Redding was burned down for the second time in June 1992. Shannon told the paper that authorities do not have her diaries from before 1992. Those "are not any place where they'll ever find them. Those are taken care of for me." She is due to stand trial this month for attempted murder in the shooting of Tiller, but federal authorities are moving very slowly on any other

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According to the Coalition for Human Dignity in Oregon, the former Populist Party presidential candidate and ex-Green Beret has purchased property in Idaho, just inside a Native American reservation, along with Christian Patriot ex-cop Gerald "Jack" McLamb. The duo are apparently setting up what they call a Christian Covenant Community. Gritz has been conducting "SPIKE" training sessions (Specially Prepared Individuals for Key Events) throughout the Northwest. These include both ideological orientation and weapons training. In March and April, SPIKE training sessions are planned for Texas, North Carolina, Utah, Arizona, Los Angeles and Florida. (Copies of a full report by the CHD are available for $2 from CHD, PO Box 40344, Portland OR 97240; (503) 281-5823.)

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ANTI-ENVIRONMENTAL VIOLENCE

In Placerville, CA near Sacramento, a dead bald eagle was found in January with a note attached threatening environmental activists. The bird, which was shot through the wing and its body, was found with its feet bound by nylon cord in the planter box of an area bank by Fish and game officials. The week before, a local newspaper, the Mountain Democrat, had received a note saying that a bald eagle would be found hanging in a parking lot. The note said, "FAWN, this is only the beginning.... Burn, forest, burn." FAWN is the Friends Aware of Wildlife Needs, a 400 member environmentalist group in El Dorado County that has been critical of the timber industry and the Forest Service. "It's appalling," said FAWN president Karen Schambach. "in order to make a point, somebody has killed an innocent living creature that is the symbol of this country," said a spokesperson for FAWN. Bald eagles are being removed from the endangered species list this year, but are still considered threatened, and it is still a crime to kill one.

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In Santa Rosa CA in January, a skirmish outside a clinc with demonstrators from Operation Rescue and a local group called "Warrior for Life" led to an incident in which an unidentified attacker sprayed clinic defenders and incoming cars with some substance. John Bridges of OR claimed it was "holy water" to heal people and drive out demons. So-called "Spiritual Warfare," in which believers carry out a physical fight against people and territories supposedly inhabited by demons, is the latest craze among fundamnetalist Christian rightists.

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POLICE RACISM AND SEXISM

L.A. City Council member Jackie Goldberg, an open lesbian, will be conducting hearings into sexual harassment of women officers on the L.A.P.D. after a series of charges against male officers and disclosures in the L.A. Times drew attention to the on-going problem.

In a separate incident, a former L.A. county deputy sheriff, allegedly forced out of the sheriff's department because of complaints of sexual misconduct, was charged with rape with a foreign object, sexual assault and attempted forcible oral copulation, against a 44-year-old elementary school teacher. The ex-officer was hired as a teacher in Santa Clarita, and alledgedly attacked his woman colleague in a classroom at the school. The woman has also charged the district with trying to cover up the incident.

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NEO-NAZIS CONFRONTED

There have been a number of militant and massive anti-racist demonstrations around the country in recent months. An anarchist-led anti-klan rally in Chattanooga last year effectively prevented the KKK from holding its planned mobilization. Last October, 2000 counter-demonstrators stopped an attempted march by a dozen members of the Philadelphia-based USA Nationalist Party to hold a march to Auburn, a state prison in NY, and the twon where Harriet Tubman was born. In November, about 25 members of Ryan Wilson's fascist grouplet were confronted by 400 counter-demonstrators when they tried to stage an anti-gay march and rally in New Hope Pennsylvania. Hundreds of state troopers mobilized to keep the two groups separate. The white supremacist march was canceled, and Wilson's helmeted skinheads, joined by about 25 Klansmen from Delaware, held a news conference under police protection; state police escorted reporters in to the site. In Springfield, IL in January, another attempted Klan march and rally was also greeted by a massive counter-demonstration.

CONVICTIONS FOR RACIST KILLING

Edward Earl Simmons Hardeman, 23, has become the second of four nazi boneheads to be convicted of murder in Birmingham AL for the stabbing death of a 35-year-old black man, Benny James Rembert in 1992. He was one of four racist skins who set out to bash a black person. Samuel Driskill was convicted last year, and Mark Lane, who wielded the knife, and Hardeman's girl friend Christi Watson, await trial.

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UPDATE ON HATE

Allen Carlson, 30, of Glendale, the neo-nazi who was busted last summer for stamping notebooks in a Covina store with racist slogans, has been arrested again, this time for assault, by police in Ventura County. Carlson allegedly punched out a school custodian at Simi Valley High School, who tried to stop him from stuffing racist flyers into student lockers. The flyers advocating driving non-Aryans from the U.S., and were crammed into 600 lockers before Carlson was spotted. Police said that Carlson chased the custodian to the gym when the man ran for help, and that Carlson punched him in view of a number of coaches and students who were at the school that evening last December.

Black students were the targets of threats and racist violence at a number of other Ventura County schools in subsequent weeks. In late January, two black teenagers were surrounded by half a dozen white youths shouting racial insults, and one of the white suspects threatened to retrieve a gun and shoot a Black school security guard who intervened.

In February, a fistfight broke out between black and white students at a Ventura High basketball game. Four students described as white supremacists were arrested. Harold Cecil Lassiter, a non-student skinhead, 18, was charged with a felony of threatening a school official. At a junior high school in Ojai, a Black student was the target of repeated racist threats and a swastika was painted on her locker. She dropped out of the school. John Hatcher of the Ventura County NAACP reported that similar incidents are taking place at schools in Moorpark, Thousand Oaks, Camarillo and Oxnard.

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RE-COLONIZING AFRICA

Even as the deadline approaches for U.S. troop withdrawals from Somalia, western military forces in Africa have suffered other embarrassments. Canadian forces involved in the so-called humanitarian efforts in Somalia had been involved in the execution style slaying of at least one Somali, an incident which exposed the presence of organized white supremacist groups inside the Canadian Army and Special Forces. Now, in Mozambique, the U.N. has been forced to acknowledge that some of its "peace-keeping" troops in that country had paid for sex with Mozambican children. In announcing that some of the offenders had been repatriated, the UN official said, "In some cases it appears that ONUMOZ personnel sought the services of minors." Initial allegations of UN troops paying for sex with children aged 12-14 mainly involved the Italian battalion, but an Italian UN representative told the press that a "wrong impression" had been created that only the Italians were involved. It would be "untrue, unjust and unfair" to keep focusing on the Italians, he said.

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A number of other incidents of racist violence have resulted in court actions. In La Habra in Orange County, two white women, associates of a skin-head, were given probation in February after having been convicted of involuntary manslaughter in an attack on a black Hispanic woman at a shop-

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Letters to PART

Dear PART:

We want to let your readers know about our new report: "Low Int ensity Warfare: An Anti-Abortion Strategy of Terror." Based on scrupulous documentaion from primary source material within the direct action anti-abortion movement, BACORR has assembled a chilling report on that movement's transformation into an apparatus to shut down clinics and destroy women's access to medical care by targeting providers, with tactics that range up to terror and murder.

Another area of concern we have is the FBI's involvement in investigating anti-abortion terror. pro-choice activists around the country have been contacted by FBI field offices, supposedly to gather information on anti-abortion terror. Given the deplorable history of the FBI as a repressive instrument of state terror, we have the bad feeling that the Bureau will use this as a pretext to target the clinic defense movement. This is not leftist paranoia, but a justified assessment of how the FBI has operated. Needless to say, BACORR will not cooperate with the FBI, but will continue to provide reports and updates on the criminal strategy of the direct action anti-abortion movement.

Best wishes,

Tom Burghardt,
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PART Replies:

We recommend your report to all our readers as a comprehensive and incisive study of the fascist trends in the anti-abortion movement and the so-called Christian right. We share your fears about the FBI, especially in the light of recent FBI and grand jury attacks on environmentalists and animal rights activists, which have continued the sorry history of COINTELPRO, the counter-intelligence program to disrupt the Black Liberation Movement and other progressive struggles in the 50's, 60's and 70's. We also note

Dear PART:

Why are the corporate media giving the red carpet treatment to various neo-nazi, racist skinheads, KKK and other fascist sects? For example, the Jane Whitney show on KKKCAL-9 owned by Disney) has recently aired 3 programs featuring white supremacist boneheads, Oprah Winfrey also on KKKCAL before her show was canceled, Geraldo Rivera on KKKABC, Jenny Jones on KKKNBC and a host of others have had televised chats with these racist outfits. Far from exposing the reactionaries to discredit them, all this free air time serves as a photo opportunity to build these fascist organi

The media promotion of racism and nazis, along with anti-immigrant hysteria is part of a deliberate campaign to mislead and confuse people. They hope to stir up racial divisions to keep the exploited in the dark, fighting among themselves.

We need to uncompromisingly target and exploit the exploiters, their political henchmen and their servants in the media. Working people and our allies need an internationalist perspective to build unity across national borders.

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PART Replies:

We recommend your report to all our readers as a comprehensive and incisive study of the fascist trends in the anti-abortion movement and the so-called Christian right. We share your fears about the FBI, especially in the light of recent FBI and grand jury attacks on environmentalists and animal rights activists, which have continued the sorry history of COINTELPRO, the counter-intelligence program to disrupt the Black Liberation Movement and other progressive struggles in the 50's, 60's and 70's. We also note that a court recently ruled that feminist-environmentalist-Wobbly activists Judi Bari and Darryl Cherney were justified in bringing a law-suit against the FBI in a car-bombing that injured Bari seriously after her work on Redwood Summer. Photo evidence shows that the FBI knew Bari was the target of the bombing, yet it made her the target of its investigation, claiming Bari and Cherney were planning a bombing. Similar turnabouts have happened in the past when FBI investigators have used police-brutality civil rights probes to gather information on community activists rather than bring the police to justice.

media giving the red carpet treatment to various neo-nazi, racist skinheads, KKK and other fascist sects? For example, the Jane Whitney show on KKKCAL-9 owned by Disney) has recently aired 3 programs featuring white supremacist boneheads, Oprah Winfrey also on KKKCAL before her show was canceled, Geraldo Rivera on KKKABC, Jenny Jones on KKKNBC and a host of others have had televised chats with these racist outfits. Far from exposing the reactionaries to discredit them, all this free air time serves as a photo opportunity to build these fascist organizations.

The most obvious evidence of the criminal roile played by the corporate owned media in assisting these racist gangs is their refusal to give anywhere near equal time to authentic anti-racist spokespeople. Clearly, working class, grass roots groups like PART, the Pro-Immigrant Coalition and Neighbors Against Nazis, which have organized demonstrations of over 1,000 people have received little or no coverage or attention.

The reason for this sorry state is that the capitalist social system is in a big crisis. The rich along with their government are carrying out attacks on workers, slashing living standards and working conditions to shreds.

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It seems, according to testimony by a Mr. Robinson of the Dept. of Parks & Recreation, that permits to serve food are not allowed in Golden Gate Park unless it is connected with recreation! I thought, maybe chess games? Somebody bouncing a ball madly all during the serving of soup and bagels? Perhaps some rope skipping, or dancing to a boom box? (while people eat?) That might be fun. But when you're cold & hungry, you don't feel like dancing. I think the Food Not Bombs people had irritated Mayors Art Agnos & Frank Jordan by insisting on feeding people right in front of City Hall — right in front of the Mayor's face! That was the crime. These raggedy and crush them into smithereens.

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Instead, the police arrested Robert Morse Kahn for giving a man a bagel and a cup of soup. He was kept in jail overnight. His van was confiscated and the food dumped and thrown away. What are we, the people, going to do about this? Could we use some of the abandoned army barracks at the Presidio to house the homeless? The McKinney act, passed by congress in 1987, says that unused military and federal buildings shall be turned over to house the homeless. Nobody has done a thing about this since 1987. Somebody once asked: "Am I my brother's keeper?" The answer is — Yes!

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The JDL, the KKK and the Afrikaners

The horrible massacre in Hebron of dozens of Muslim Palestinian worshipers by a U.S.-born Jewish settler in the occupied territories underscores the validity of PART's anti-zionist perspective (see exchanges in several recent issues of TTT). The fact that the assassin, Benjamin "Baruch" Goldstein of Brooklyn, was a product of the U.S.-based Jewish Defense League and a member of the Meier Kahane-founded KACH Party/Movement in Israel, underscores the importance of opposing fascist vigilante type organizations as well as naked state-sponsored terror. The JDL has proven to be a training ground for Jews committed to the most brutal and naked racist and fascist violence. Goldstein's history of violence goes back to 1980, when he was detained by NY police for causing a disturbance at a visit to Hunter College by Menachem Begin, Israeli prime minister, when pro-peace Jews and Arabs who were protesting Begin's tour were targeted across the country for attacks by the JDL.

The rabid Jewish settlers in occupied Palestine — the killer's colleagues stand condemned in their own words as they chanted "We are all Baruch Goldstein!" at his funeral — are serving the same function as the Ku Klux Klan did in the U.S. at the time of its original founding, and which it has served repeatedly since. In Reconstruction Era America, war had broken the back of the slaveocracy, smashed the government of the Confederate States of America, freed the slaves and established a radical democratic regime based on the active participation of the freed slaves. Under these circumstances, in which the most naked white supremacists no longer enjoyed state power, the Klan emerged as a private mechanism of terror to turn back the gains of are now organizing and arming for a race war and carrying out killings, bombings and and other acts of terror in an effort to derail the momentum of the liberation movement and foment such a catastrophic blood bath. Yet the Volksfront coalition of rabid right racists has simultaneously opted to participate in the upcoming all race elections. The possibilities of success for such a strategy, that race war will help the racist right regain untrammeled state power, should not be under-estimated. The KKK in fact was instrumental in overturning Reconstruction and getting the federal government to throw in with the former slaveowners. They swiftly dismantled the radical state governments, disenfran-

groups, in driving German politics steadily right-ward after reunification, is another ominous development. Goldstein, the JDL/KACH killer, apparanetly advocated a strategy similar to Afrikaaners call for a white homeland. Three months ago, he called on Israeli radio for a "state of Judea," where "with god's help ... we will deal with the Palestinians ourselves." Nor has his atrocity diminished his associates hatred and hunger for violence. Joe Alster, another U.S.-born Kach member said the massacre had "a tremendous effect on our movement. We applaud it."

It is a positive note that the vast majority of Jews in the U.S., as well as even the ruling party in Israel, have condemned the Hebron massacre. But the symbiosis between the Klan and the state, the settlers and the state, the neo-nazis and the state, should not be forgotten. Responsibility for the massacre does not lie only with the gunman or the anti-Arab movement that nurtured. Responsibility begins with Zionist rule of the occupied territory, government promotion of the settlers and settlements with the recent tacit acceptance of the U.S. It is not only individual U.S.-born Jews that are fueling reaction in the West Bank and the Middle East, but the U.S. government, providing massive military aid to the Zionist occupation. Robert Manning, another JDL'er turned Kach activist among Zionist settlers in the occupied territories, was recently convicted here in L.A. or murder for hire in the letter-bomb slaying of a secretary. He was apparently extradited only after a deal was cut between Israel and the U.S. that he would not be prosecuted for the murder of Arab American activist Alex Odeh in Orange County several years ago. Kahane, founder of both the JDL and Kach and a personal friend of Manning's, had ties to the U.S. FBI and intelligence.

All this does not justify random attacks on innocent, individual Jews. The shooting of a car-load of Lubavitcher chasidim in Brooklyn was also a racist atrocity. All Jews are not responsible for the actions of some or even the majority; the same is true of all Arabs or Palestinians. But all Jews, all Arabs, all people of conscience are responsible to struggle for an end to imperialism, colonialism, and all attendant forms of racism, prejudice, anti-Semitism, Jew-hatred or Arab-hatred.

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To bring home the world-wide nature of this trend, we would note the similar experience in South Africa, in which die hard Afrikaaners of terror in an effort to derail the momentum of the liberation movement and foment such a catastrophic blood bath. Yet the Volksfront coalition of rabid right racists has simultaneously opted to participate in the upcoming all race elections. The possibilities of success for such a strategy, that race war will help the racist right regain untrammeled state power, should not be under-estimated. The KKK in fact was instrumental in overturning Reconstruction and getting the federal government to throw in with the former slaveowners. They swiftly dismantled the radical state governments, disenfranchised Blacks and installed the Jim Crow of American apartheid and share-cropping. Hitler stepped forward when the exhausted parliamentary parties of Weimar proved incapable of wielding state power, and won the backing of the big German bourgeoisie for repression, genocide and war.

The National Party came to power in South Africa, installing apartheid after World War II, as the public manifestation of the clandestine white supremacist Broederbund of nazi sympathizers. The Likud bloc in Israel, the ruling group until recently, had its antecendents in reactionary Zionist armed formations quite similar to the Kahanists today with their strategy for expelling all Palestinians. The success of nazi skinheads in Germany, allied with more respectable neonazi and conservative political massacre. But the symbiosis between the Klan and the state, the settlers and the state, the neo-nazis and the state, should not be forgotten. Responsibility for the massacre does not lie only with the gunman or the anti-Arab movement that nurtured. Responsibility begins with Zionist rule of the occupied territory, government promotion of the settlers and settlements with the recent tacit acceptance of the U.S. It is not only individual U.S.-born Jews that are attacks on innocent, individual Jews. The shooting of a car-load of Lubavitcher chasidim in Brooklyn was also a racist atrocity. All Jews are not responsible for the actions of some or even the majority; the same is true of all Arabs or Palestinians. But all Jews, all Arabs, all people of conscience are responsible to struggle for an end to imperialism, colonialism, and all attendant forms of racism, prejudice, anti-Semitism, Jew-hatred or Arab-hatred.

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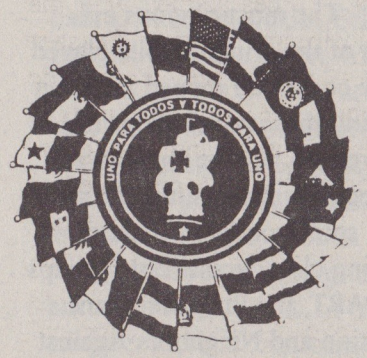

US Army School of the Americas Must Go

The SOA Watch, a watchdog group that has been examining what goes on in the classrooms at the US Army School of the Americas (SOA), is urging Congress to abolish the school. More than 40 SOA graduates were cited for war crimes in the United Nations Truth Commission Report on El Salvador, with Manuel Noriega of Panama and Roberto D'Aubuisson of El Salvador among the school's infamous graduates. SOA graduates carried out the assassination of Bishop Oscar Romero. SOA Watch learned that a guest speaker, a bishop from Honduras, told SOA students that Liberation Theology was a subversive doctrine, base Christian communities are subversive, and Bishop Romero was duped by communists. The bishop apologized for the conduct of other bishops and priests in Latin America. SOA Watch encourages us to **contact our Senators and Representatives and urge that the School of the Americas be closed.**

ARMED UPRISING IN MEXICO

April 10, 1994 marks the 75th anniversary of the cowardly and deceitful assassination of peasant revolutionary leader Emiliano Zapata by government forces in the midst of the Mexican Revolution. The Zapatista uprising that leapt to world attention on January 1, and that continues to shake the exploitative and dictatorial Mexican political and economic system to its foundations, is proof that Zapata Lives! Nor will the Zapatista revolution be contained by the government's "peace plan." Having forced the PRI government to the bargaining table, and then to concessions, the revolutionary forces in Mexico will continue to develop in the political landscape their successes have transformed.

The Mexican government's latest promise to break up big land-holdings in Chiapas, prohibit discrimination against indigenous people and allow use of their language and greater political representation in Chiapas will not break the momentum of the revolutionay Zapatista dynamic.

The Mexican government was well aware of the 50,000 people who marched in Mexico City to support the EZLN, the need to call out 80,000 police to guard the capital (and still not be able to stop sympathy bombings), the fact that to prevent the uprising from spreading, more troops had to be sent into Oaxaca and Guerrero that were deployed in Chiapas. The revolutionary Mexican struggle continues to demand our active solidarity and engagement.

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is now the unified home market of the center of world imperialism. It demands the support of everyone within the U.S. itself who supports justice, peace, and planetary survival. After boasting that NAFTA was the foreign and economic policy triumph of his first year in office, Bill Clinton has been very silent about the uprising and about human rights violations and massacres by his Mexican partners. In fact the U.S. has sent additional Chinook helicopters into Guatemala, just across the border from the insurgent region. Some Mexicans have already fled to Guatemala, others to the U.S. in the north, as the Mexican army continues "Operacion Rastrillo" against the civilian population despite the military cease-fire.

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The rebellion has galvanized the imaginations and ambitions of the oppressed Mexican people, helping spark take-overs of city halls across the country by workers and campesinos no longer willing to accept the elitist privileges, corrup-

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The Zapatista uprising, which commenced on the day NAFTA went into effect, is not only a justified defense of the interests and survival of the oppressed indigenous Mayan people of Chiapas, which resonates among indigenous people from Canada to Chile. It is also the opening of an anti-imperialist counter-offensive within what

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Zapatista Declaration of War

The following is the full text of the declaration from the Lacandon jungle by the Zapatista National Liberation Army:

TODAY WE SAY ENOUGH IS ENOUGH! TO THE PEOPLE OF MEXICO: MEXICAN BROTHERS AND SISTERS:

We are a product of 500 years of struggle: first against slavery, then during the War of Independence against Spain led by insurgents, then to avoid being absorbed by North American imperialism, then to promulgate our constitution and expel the French empire from our soil, and later the dictatorship of Porfirio Diaz denied us the just application of the Reform laws and the people rebelled and leaders like Villa and Zapata emerged, poor men just like us. We have been denied the most elemental preparation so they can use us as cannon fodder and pillage the wealth of our country. They don't care that we have nothing, absolutely nothing, not even a roof over our heads, no land, no work, no health care, no food nor education. Nor are we able to freely and democratically elect our political representatives, nor is there independence from foreigners, nor is there peace nor justice for ourselves and our children.

But today, we say ENOUGH IS ENOUGH. We are the inheritors of the true builders of our nation. The dispossessed, we are millions and we thereby call upon our brothers and sisters to join this struggle as the only path, so that we will not die of hunger due to the insatiable ambition of a 70 year dictatorship led by a clique of traitors that represent the most conservative and sell-out groups.

They are the same ones that opposed Hidalgo and Morelos, the same ones that betrayed Vicente Guerrero, the same ones that sold half our country to the foreign invader, the same ones that imported a European prince to rule our country, the same ones that formed the "scientific" Porfirsta dictatorship, the same ones that opposed the Petroleum Expropriation, the same ones that massacred the railroad workers in 1958 and the students in 1968, the same ones the today take everything from us, absolutely everything.

To prevent the continuation of the above and as our last hope, after having tried to utilize all legal means based on our Constitution, we go to our Constitution, to apply Article 39 which says:

"National Sovereignty essentially and originally resides in the people. All political power emanates from the people and its purpose is to help the people. The people have, at all times, the inalienable right to alter or modify their form of government."

Therefore, according to our constitution, we declare the following to the Mexican federal army, the pillar of the Mexican dictatorship that we suffer from, monopolized by a one-party system and led by Carlos Salinas de Gortari, the maximum and illegitimate federal executive that today holds power.

Second: Respect the lives of our prisoners and turn over all wounded to the International Red Cross.

Third: Initiate summary judgements against all soldiers of the Mexican federal army and the political police that have received training or have been paid by foreigners, accused of being traitors to our country, and against all those that have repressed and treated badly the civil population and robbed or stolen from or attempted crimes against the good of the people.

Fourth: Form new troops with all those Mexicans that show their interest in joining our struggle, including those that, being enemy soldiers, turn themselves in without having fought against us, and promise to take orders from the General Command of the Zapatista National Liberation Army.

Fifth: We ask for the unconditional surrender of the enemy's headquarters before we begin any combat to avoid any loss of lives.

Sixth: Suspend the robbery of our natural resources in the areas controlled by the EZLN.

To the People of Mexico: We, the men and women, full and free, are conscious that the war that we have declared is our last resort, but also a just one. The dictators are applying an undeclared genocidal war against our people for many years. Therefore we ask for your participation, your decision to support this plan that struggles for work, land, housing, food, health care, education, independence, freedom, democracy, justice and peace. We declare that we will not stop fighting until the basic demands of our people have been met by forming a government of our country that is free and democratic.

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According to this Declaration of War, we ask that other powers of the nation advocate to restore the legitimacy and the stability of the nation by overthrowing the dictator.

We also ask that international organizations and the International Red Cross watch over and regulate our battles, so that our efforts are carried out while still protecting our civilian population. We declare now and always that we are subject to the Geneva Accord, forming the EZLN as our fighting arm of our liberation struggle.

We have the Mexican people on our side, we have the beloved tri-colored flag highly respected by our insurgent fighters. We use black and red in our uniform as our symbol of our working people on strike. Our flag carries the following letters, "EZLN," Zapatista National Liberation Army, and we always carry our flag into combat.

Beforehand, we refuse any effort to disgrace our just cause by accusing us of being drug traffickers, drug guerrillas, thieves, or other names that might by used by our enemies. Our struggle follows the constitution which is held high by its call for justice and equality.

Therefore, according to this declaration of war, we give our military forces, the EZLN, the following orders:

First: Advance to the capital of the country, overcoming the Mexican federal army, protecting in our advance the civilian population and permitting the people in the liberated area the right to freely and democratically elect their own administrative authorities.

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Necessity brought us together and we said "BASTA!" — enough! There is no more time or desire to wait for others to come and resolve our problems. We are organizing ourselves and have decided to take up arms into our grasp, as has been done by the best children of the Mexican people throughout the length of our history.

We have commenced combat against the federal army and other repressive forces; we are thousands of Mexicanos disposed to live for the homeland or die for liberty in this war which is necessary for all the poor, exploited and miserable people of Mexico, and we are not going to stop until we reach our goals.

We exhort you to support our movement, since the enemy that confronts, the wealthy and their State, is cruel and pitiless, and would set no limits on its bloodthirsty nature to have done with us. This can be held off only by taking the struggle to all fronts, and from there by the sympathy of all of you, your support and solidarity, the diffusion that you can give to our cause; if you can make the ideals that we are putting forth your own, and incorporate yourselves into the revolution, raising them to your people wherever they are found — these would be very important factors towards the final triumph.

Zapatista Statement

Communique from the General Command of the Indigenous Revolutionary Clandestine Committee of the EZLN, Jan. 6, 1994.

Here we are, the dead of always,
dead again, but now to live.

–To the Mexican people:
–To the people and the governments of the world:
–Brothers and sisters:

Since the 1st of January of this year, our Zapatista troops began a series of politico-military actions with the principle objective being to let all people of Mexico and this world know the miserable conditions that millions of Mexicans, especially we the indigenous people, live in. With these actions that we began, we also let people know our decision to fight for our elementary rights by the only way that the government authorities will allow: armed struggle.

The grave conditions of poverty of our compatriots has one common cause; the lack of liberty and democracy. We consider that authentic respect of liberty and democratic will of the people are the indispensable prerequisites for the impoverished of the economic and social conditions of the dispossessed of our country.

For this reason, just as we fly the flag of improvement of life conditions of the Mexican people, we present the demand of liberty and political democracy, for which we call for the renunciation of the illegitimate government of Carlos Salinas de Gortari and the formation of a new government for democratic transition, which would guarantee clean elections in all levels of the government. We repeat the life of our political and economical demands and around which we are trying to unite all of the people of Mexico and all independent organizations so that, by means of all different forms of struggle, a national revolutionary movement can begin where all of the forms of social organization can have a place, and the betterment of Mexico can be set forth with honesty and patriotism.

Since the beginning of our war for liberation we have received not only attacks by the repressive governmental bodies and the federal army, but also we have been slandered by the federal and state governments and by the mass news media, who try, devaluing our struggle, to lie to the Mexican people saying that our struggle is financed

port from neither the ecclesiastic structure of the Chiapas or the papal nuncio nor the Vatican or anybody.

In our ranks, the majority are Catholic, but include many other creeds and religions.

THIRD: The orders and the troop elements of the EZLN are mostly from Chiapas, this is so because the indigenous represent the poorest and most humiliated sector of Mexico, and also, as can be seen, the most dignified. We are thousands of natives armed, behind us there are tens of thousands of our families. Therefore, we are tens of thousands of natives in struggle. The government says it is not an indigenous uprising, but we think that if thousands of natives rise up in arms, then yes it is an indigenous uprising. There are also in our movement Mexicans from other social origins and distinct states in our country. They agree with us and have united with us because they do not agree with the exploitation that we suffer. Just as these non-indigenous Mexicans have united with us, others will because our struggle is National and is not limited only to the state of Chiapas. Actually the political direction of our struggle is totally indigenous; 100 percent of the members of the indigenous revolutionary clandestine committees in all territories of combat are ethnic Tzotzil, Tzetal, Chol, Tojolabal and others. It's true that not all the natives of Chiapas are with us yet, Because there are many who are still submerged in the ideas and tricks of the government but we are already thousands and they must take us into account. The use of masks to hide our faces is in keeping with the elemental of security measures and as a vaccine against caudillismo.

FOURTH: There are a variety of arms and equipment that our people count on, (and it should be understood) that their total number and quality were not shown publicly to the mass media or to the civilian populations in the major municipalities that we took over on the 1st

say enough, that we had enough of dying a useless death, and that it is better to fight for change. If we die now it is no longer in shame but with dignity, like our ancestors. Another 150,000 are prepared to die if necessary to wake up our people from the deceptive dream in which they are held.

SIXTH: The conditions of "reconciliation" that the federal government is trying to impose on us is unacceptable to our organization. We won't lay down our arms until the demands that we made at the beginning of our struggle are met. On the other hand, we propose the following conditions for the initiation of dialogue:

A) Recognition of the EZLN as a belligerent force.
B) Cease fire on all sides in disputed territories.
C) Withdrawal of federal troops from all communities with full respect for human rights of the rural population. Withdrawal of federal troops to their respective barracks in distinct parts of the country.
D) Stop the indiscriminate bombing of rural populations.
E) With the last three conditions as a base, the formation of an intermediary national commission.

Our troops are committed to respecting these conditions if the federal government does the same. If not, our troops will continue to carry out our advance on the capital of the country.

Our EZLN reiterates that we will continue to adhere to the laws of war approved by the Geneva Convention, respecting the civilian population, the Red Cross, the press, the wounded and the enemy troops who surrender without fighting our troops.

We're making a special call to the North American people and government. To the first to initiate solidarity actions and aid to our compatriots, and to the North American governments to suspend all military and economic aid to the dictatorial government that doesn't respect human rights and because said aid will be used to mas-

the FAM (1 in the capital Ocosingo and 2 in SCLC), 3 FAM air ships rockets, 15 radio patrols, 4 torture centers of the State Judicial Police.
*4) **Liberated** prisoners: 230 from attacks on 4 prisons (2 in SCLC, 1 in Ocosingo, 1 in Margaritas).*
5) War materials captured: approximately 207 arm of different calibers M-16, G-3, M-2, Grenade launchers, rifles and pistols and an undetermined amount of ammunition of diverse calibers. 1,266 kilograms of dynamite and 10,000 TNT detonators. 20 transport vehicles. An undetermined amount of radio communications equipment used by the police, army and air force.

TO THE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PRESS:

We call the attention of the honest national and international press to the genocide being conducted by the federal military forces in the principal municipalities of San Cristobal de las Casas, Ocosingo, Altamirano and Margaritas, as well as on the roads bordering these points, where the civilians were assassinated indiscriminately and later presented as casualties of EZLN. Some of the Zapatistas claimed by the federal army, enjoy perfect health.

The behavior of the federal troops in these cities contrasts with that of our forces who are always preoccupied, as civilians in these cities can testify, with protecting innocent lives. The majority of the destruction to the public and private buildings that were next to our troops were caused by federal troops when they entered the 4 principal municipalities.

TO THE FEDERAL ARMY:

The conflict presents the unmasking, once more, of the nature of the federal army and it shows them in their true nature essence: the indiscriminate repression, the violation of all human rights and the lack of ethics and military honor. The assassinations of women and children perpetrated by the army in the area of conflict show an army without control. We are calling on officials (classes) and troops of the army to fully refuse to carry out orders

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FIRST: our EZLN does not have, either in its ranks or among its leaders, any foreigners, nor has it ever received any support or training of revolutionary forces from other countries or foreign governments. The news that Guatemalans are fighting in our ranks and that they were trained in Guatemala are stories invented by the federal government to discredit our cause. We have not had, nor will we ever have, any connection with the Salvadoran FMLN, nor with the Guatamalan URGN, nor with any other Latin American, European, Afrikan, Asiatic, or Oceanic armed movement. The military techniques that we employ were not learned from the Central American insurgents, but rather from the Mexican military history; from Hidalgo, Morelos, Guerrero, Mina, from the resistance of the Yankee invasion in 1846-47, from the popular response to the French intervention, from the great heroic exploits of Villa and Zapata and from the struggles of indigenous resistance throughout the history of our country.

SECOND: Our EZLN doesn't have any relations to the catholic church authorities or any other religion. We haven't received any orientation, direction or support from ecclesiastical structures, nor from any diocese of the state of Chiapas, nor from the apostolic nuncio, nor from the Vatican, nor from anybody. In our ranks, the majority are Catholics, but there are also other religions and creeds.

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FIFTH: Some have asked why we decided to begin now, since we have been preparing for awhile. The answer is before that we tried other pacifist and legal ways without result. During the last 10 years over 150,000 of our native brothers have died from curable illnesses. The social and economic plans of the municipal, state and federal governments don't offer any real solutions to our problems and are limited to giving us (alms) crumbs when there are elections, but the crumbs are temporary and then death comes again to our houses. Because of this we

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MEXICANS: the military balance in the dispute up to the 5th of January, has brought forth the following results:

1) Casualties of the Zapatista forces: 9 dead and 20 seriously wounded being attended in our field hospitals. An undetermined amount slightly wounded that were reintegrated to their combat posts and 123 missing in action. We haven't included in this total our combatants who, wounded, were killed in cold blood (with a shot of mercy) by officials of the federal army. We have not yet determined the number of these comrades since our troops continue to fight in Ocosingo.

2) Casualties of the enemy forces, (including police and federal soldiers) 27 dead, 40 wounded and 180 prisoners who surrendered to our troops and were then released in good shape. There are another 30 federal troops dead, at least, unconfirmed. Theses casualties along with an undetermined number of wounded were produced on the 4th of Jan., in the mountains of San Cristobal de las Casas when bombs dropped by the FAM fell on the trucks of the federal soldiers that were maneuvering in that zone.

*3) **Enemy** war material destroyed or damaged: 3 artillery helicopters of*

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TO THE MEXICAN PEOPLE:

Finally we call to workers, poor peasants, teachers , students, progressive and honest intellectuals, house wives and professionals, and to all independent political and economic organizations to join our struggle which has already begun and that in all possible ways they help us achieve the freedom that all Mexicans desperately want.

We will not turn in our arms!
We want justice,
not forgiveness or alms!

Zapatista Statement

The periodical "El Despertador Mexicano" (the Awakener) also included the "Declaracion de la Selva Lacandona," a declaration of war on the Mexican Army, and a series of laws promulgated by the EZLN to govern and guide their forces and elaborate the nature of the society they are fighting to create in Mexico. Translated excerpts from these laws follow.

Instructions for Leaders and Officers of the EZLN:

1. You will operate in accord with the orders received from the General Command or the commanders of combat fronts.

2. If you find yourself operating militarily in isolated zones, with difficulty in communicating with commanders, you should effectuate your military work, combatting the enemy constantly on your own initiative ...

4. Be sure to guard to the maximum possible the good order of the troops, especially when entering populated areas, giving guarantees of the life and interests of the inhabitants who are not enemies of the revolution ...

The Law of War Taxes

In zones controlled by the EZLN, the following law is implanted ...

1. The law takes effect from the moment the EZLN finds itself op-

The Law of Rights and Obligations of the People in Struggle

... 1. The people in struggle against the oppressor government and the big Mexican and foreign exploiters, withour regard to their political affiliation, religious belief, race or color have the following rights:

a. to elect their authorities freely and democratically ...
b. to demand that the revolutionary armed forces do not interfere in affairs of civil order ...
c. to organize and exercise the armed defense of their collective goods ...
e. the inhabitants of every village have the right to acquire and possess weapons to defend themselves ... and use them against any men or group of men who attack their homes ... This is valid only for those who are not enemies of the revolution.

The Agrarian Revolutionary Law

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5. The lands affected by this law shall be shared with the landless peasants and farmworkers in the form of collective property for the formation of cooperatives ... which should be worked collectively. ...

14. Lakes, rivers, springs, and seas are the collective property of the Mexican people and shall be safeguarded against contamination and misuse ...

16. There shall be no taxes on campesinos who work collectively, nor for ejidos, cooperatives and communal land. From the moment this law takes effect, all debts, loans and taxes imposed by the oppressor government, the foreigners of the capitalists are canceled.

The Revolutionary Law of Women

(This law is illustrated by a photo we are unable to reproduce of a group of indigenous women bearing rifles in the Lacandon rain-forest.)

In its just struggle for the liberation of our people, the EZLN incorporates women in the revolutionary struggle without regard for race, creed, color or political affiliation, with the unique requirement of making theirs the demands of the exploited people ... Further, taking into account the situation of the women workers in Mexico, the just demands for equality and justice for women are incorporated in the following revolutionary law

7. Women have the right to choose their partner and not to be obliged by force to contract marriage.

8. No woman can be struck or physically mistreated neither by their family members or strangers. The crimes of rape or attempted rape, will be punished severely.

9. Women shall be able to occupy positions of leadership in the organization and to achieve military rank in the revolutionary armed forces.

10. Women shall have all the rights and obligations set out by the (other) revolutionary laws and regulations.

Law of Urban Reform

In the urban zones controlled by the EZLN, the following laws shall be vigorously applied to provide a dignified living to dispossessed families:

1. The inhabitants of their own homes will no longer pay real estate taxes.

2. Renters who have more than 15 years inhabiting a dwelling will no longer pay rent until the revolutionary government triumphs and legislates it.

3. Renters with less than 15 years will pay rent of only 10% of the salary of the head of the household

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2. The law applies to the whole civil population, national or foreign, living in or passing through this territory.

3. The law of war taxes is not obligatory for the civilian population that lives by its own resources without exploiting the labor force of another ...

4. The law is obligatory on all those who live by exploiting the labor of others ... The small, middle and great capitalists of the countryside and city are obliged to fulfill this law without exception ...

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3. The law will affect all land-holdings in excess of 100 hectares if of poor quality, or 50 hectares if of good quality. Landholders whose properties exceed these limits will be removed from the properties in excess of the limits and remain with the minimum permitted, being able to continue as small proprietors or join the movement of peasant cooperatives or communal land.

4. Communal lands and ejidos are not affected by this law ..

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1. Women have the right to participate in the revolution in the place and level their will and capacity determine.

2. Women have the right to work and receive a just salary.

3. Women have the right to decide the number of children they can have and take care of.

4. Women have the right to participate in community affairs, and to take charge if they are elected freely and democratically.

5. Women and their children have the right to primary attention to their health and food.

6. Women have the right to education.

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The Labor Law

1. Foreign-owned companies shall pay their workers a salary per hour that is the equivalent in the national currency of what they pay in dollars in the exterior.

2. National businesses shall increase salaries monthly in a percentage to be determined by a local commission on prices and wages.

4. All workers shall receive from the firm where they work a certain sum of stock in the company in accord with their years of service and in addition to their current pension. The monetary value of this stock should be used in the retirement of the worker, their spouse or beneficiary.

15. Commercial and health centers shall be created for the benefit of the poor peasants in the countryside ...

Law of Industry and Commerce:

1. The price of basic products shall be regulated by the local commission (mentioned above) ... increases in prices shall not exceed raises in salaries.

2. Hoarding is forbidden ...

3. Supplies of tortillas and bread shall be assured to all ...

4. Industries and businesses that the bosses consider to be unproductive and intend to close ... shall pass into the power of the workers to administer and their machinery shall pass into the property of the nation.

Social Security Law

1. Abandoned children shall be fed and protected by the nearest neighbors ...

2. Old people without families shall have priority on housing and free food coupons.

3. Those disabled in war shall receive priority attention and employment ...

Zapatista Communique

The Urban Front of the Zapatistas carried out a number of bombings in the capital that helped to swiftly convince the Mexican government to stop its bombings of indigenous villages in Chiapas, announce a cease fire and seek a negotiated settlement with the EZLN. Human rights delegations to Mexico in the wake of the Zapatista uprising have reported a sea-change in mass consciousness not only in the immediate area of the insurgency in the south, but in Mexico City and other urban centers as well. One visitor reported a taxi driver, so enraged at the limousine of some notable that was double parked and obstructing traffic downtown, demanding that the police get it moved. The taxi driver shouted at the elitist passenger in the limo, "In Mexico, this doesn't go anymore! Not since January first!" (the first day of the Zapatista takeover in Chiapas). PART is printing a translation of a document issued in the name of the Urban Front of the Ejercito Zapatista de Liberacion Nacional.

"Message from the Urban Front of the EZLN in Mexico City

1. We are fighting against the violence of poverty, against the violence of hunger, as much as against the electoral farce or the violence of unemployment and the infirmities of the poor people. We are struggling for socialism.

For doing so, we are considered illegals, but what determines that the legality of the rich and the landlords is the only legality? Mexicans, blood brothers, are we condemned to be forever miserable? Answer honestly. If Madero had respected the legality of the dictator Porfirio Diaz, he would never have triumphed.

It cannot be legal to massacre with bombs our emergence to abetter indigenous people, the workers — or the conditions of poverty and hunger that bring about the deaths of thousands of Mexicanos every year? Let not the government insult the intelligence of the Mexican people — the culprit is the injustice imposed by the government, the theft, corruption, anti-democracy and ill-health. Do you believe, companeros, that to live in a land that satisfies the necessities of the poor people, we should have to abandon our families? Is it not the case that we also have the right to enjoy our children? The Mexicans have never been cowards, but now we have said "Basta!" — enough!

3. Is the failure of neo-liberal economics not yet clearly seen? Is it still not understood that other peoples of the continent will follow us? Have the welfare programs not been clearly surpassed yet have put the country up for sale.

4. For our ancestors, it was an honor to die fighting, as they did beginning in the fight against the Spanish Empire. Why should we now renounce this ultimate right that remains to us, struggling against those who are starving the people to death?

5. City dwellers, the Mexican Army, which has not yet been able to overcome the trauma of 1968 (the Tlatelolco massacre of thousands of students in Mexico City by military helicopters and troops —ed.), is taking prisoners and executing them, after having tortured them, with a bullet to the head. That is, the Army is gripped by fear, which is causing them to violate the international conventions of war. They are motivated by a salary, we by a thirst for justice.

6. We alert you, Mexican soldier — a youth equal to us — that this struggle will go on for many years. You may dispose yourself against the civilian population, as you are doing, but we wish your conscience could grasp that we are struggling also so that you will be treated with dignity by your superiors, so that you too may have a better future. You are poor the same as us; we are killing between equals. Your generals do not love you; they are using you. Do not

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4. The pensions of retirees will equal the minimum wage established by the commissions ...

Law of Justice

1. All prisoners shall be released from incarceration except those guilty of murder and rape, and the bosses of drug trafficking.

2. All the government officials from the level of municipal president to president of the Republic shall be subject to an audit and judged for misappropriation of funds in case an element of culpability is found.

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3. Is the failure of neo-liberal economics not yet clearly seen? Is it still not understood that other peoples of the continent will follow us? Have the welfare programs not been clearly exposed yet as the the electoral campaign of the PRI system? Do you not understand yet that historically speaking, the government is destroyed, even while it is massacring us? It must be recognized that the oligarchs late the international conventions of war. They are motivated by a salary, we by a thirst for justice.

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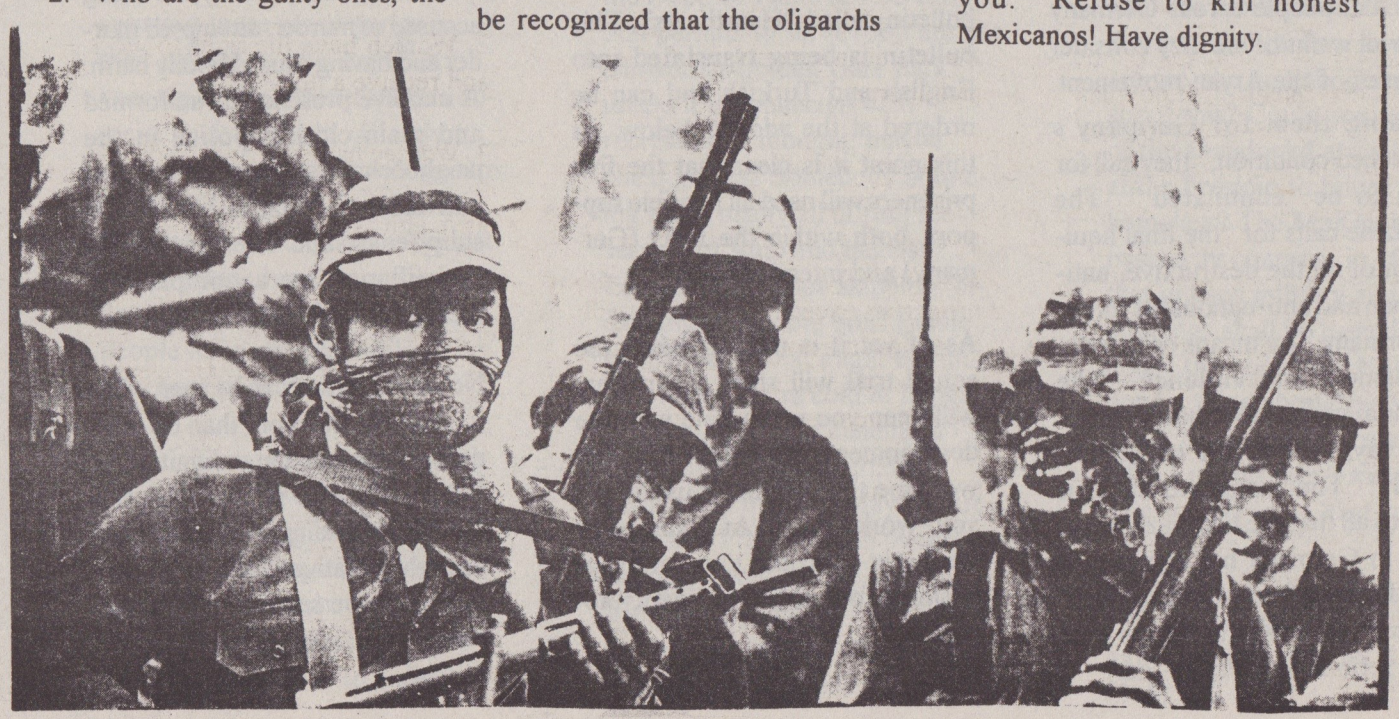

GERMANY Anti-Anti-Fascism

LETTER FROM GERMANY

Berlin, January 1994

Dear friends and comrades,

I think I missed to answer your previous letter, but the exchange of our magazines was continuing anyway. Sorry. I hope you and your friends are all right. We are facing here a year of election campaigning with local, regional, national and European elections. Till now the fascists are split into many parties, but the conservatives are continuing their shift to the right. Their issue is "Internal Security" to tighten up laws for the police State. Also the so called "Anti-Antifascism" is in progress - the attacks of the fascists are backed by a widespread argumentation of conservatives saying that antifascists are the aggressors against internal security.

They want to get rid of antifascism, they want to get rid of the commemoration of Auschwitz. The Austrian fascists, wbich are one part of the German NS-structure, attacked the mayor of Vienna, a right wing Social democrat, as well as a number of priests and human rights activists, by sending letter-bombs. In the following investigations, it came out that a lot of police officers are involved in fascist organizations, which leads from the police officers union of Haider's Austrian fascist party FPO to circles of the NSDAP. It also came out that there is a growing sophistication and unity of action of various groups on the racist right, who are developing intelligence on the anti-fascists and others they consider their enemies.

The interests of part of the security forces and the fascist bombers seem to be the same, creating fear to legitimize more powers to the police. When the people are frightened, they vote for the right, even when it is the right who is creating the trouble. It looks like the campaign for internal security is the follow-up of the Anti-Refugee campaign of the last three years. The state appears to be pursuuing the same anti-anti-fascist strategy as the neo-nazis. In Berlin late last year, they arrested 5 anti-fascists, blaming them for murdering a fascist in April 1992.

A LEFTIST demonstrator blocks the entrance to a Frankfurt, Germany, movie theater to prevent the presentation of the controversial documentary film "Career: Neo-Nazi,"about a Neo-Nazi leader. About 50 protesters prevented the movie's showing. The demonstrator's flag shows a fist smashing a swastika, and a slogan reading, "Never again."

EXCERPTS FROM THE NEWSLETTER:

One and a half years after the death of the representative of the right-wing extremist German League, Gerhard Kaindl, who died during an attack in a Chinese restaurant in Berlin, the State Security Service of Berlin is searching with increased intensity for alleged "co-perpetrators" in the killing. Since the murder, but intensifying since the middle of November 1993, house raids and arrests have been

On the night of April 4th, 1992, the representative of the fascist German League (Deutsche Liga/DL), Gerhard Kaindl, was killed in a fight in a Chinese restaurant in Berlin-Neukolln. Another leading member of the German League, Thorsten Thuler, was injured severely. According to witness statements, 6 - 8 masked persons were the perpetrators. Tbere does not exist a detailed description of the attackers. A guest, who left the restaurant before the attack, but who was being associated by the

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that a lot of police officers are involved in fascist organizations, which leads from the police officers union of Haider's Austrian fascist party FPO to circles of the NSDAP. It also came out that there is a growing sophistication and unity of action of various groups on the racist right, who are developing intelligence on the anti-fascists and others they consider their enemies.

[Der Einblick (Insight), a far rightist German publication has put out an issue headlined "Now It's Time!" identifying the names, home addresses, phone numbers, jobs, and license plates of more than 250 people across Germany from all walks of life they consider enemies of the Aryan movement. Blaming them for Germany's "wretched condition," they call for them to be "eliminated." The magazine calls for "the final liquidation of all the destructive, anti-German and anti-nationalist forces in Germany," by means of threats, harassment and violence. "The potential violence we have ready," they say, "must not be squandered." The magazine made it clear to all that the neo-nazi movement in Germany has achieved a high degree of unity and sophistication and is poised to launch even more serious assaults. —ed.]

The interests of part of the security forces and the fascist bombers seem to be the same, creating fear to legitimize more powers to the police. When the people are frightened, they vote for the right, even when it is the right who is creating the trouble. It looks like the campaign for internal security is the follow-up of the Anti-Refugee campaign of the last three years. The state appears to be pursuing the same anti-anti-fascist strategy as the neo-nazis. In Berlin late last year, they arrested 5 anti-fascists, blaming them for murdering a fascist in April 1992.

A group of friends and supporters for the five Turkish and Kurdish anti-racists that have been arrested in Berlin in November 1993 are publishing a regular information bulletin called "Heartbeats". This bulletin is being translated into English and Turkish and can be ordered at the address below. At this point it is clear that the five prisoners will need all possible support, both within the FRG (Germany) and internationally.

As of yet it is unclear when the actual trial will start. Heartbeats wlll keep you up to date with the developments around the case and we hope that it will be useful for your work as well. At a later point we might approach you with suggestions for specific solidarity actions .

the movie's showing. The demonstrator's flag shows a fist smashing a swastika, and a slogan reading, "Never again."

EXCERPTS FROM THE NEWSLETTER:

One and a half years after the death of the representative of the right-wing extremist German League, Gerhard Kaindl, who died during an attack in a Chinese restaurant in Berlin, the State Security Service of Berlin is searching with increased intensity for alleged "co-perpetrators" in the killing. Since the murder, but intensifying since the middle of November 1993, house raids and arrests have been taking place.

The accused anti-fascists, — Fatma, Mehmet, Abidin, Erkan and Bahrettin — are in pre-trial preventive detention: They are being accused of murder, attempted murder and having caused bodily harm. A massive presence of uniformed and plain-clothes police in the neighborhoods of immigrants and anti-fascists, dozens of witness subpoenas, and constant police surveillance are accompanying these events.

No similar effort can be seen when it comes to the more than 60 murders that have been committed by fascists since 1989. The fact that the FRG is dealing with fascists like "naughty relatives" has a tradition. Just as the persecution of anti-fascists has a tradition in this country as well.

On the night of April 4th, 1992, the representative of the fascist German League (Deutsche Liga/DL), Gerhard Kaindl, was killed in a fight in a Chinese restaurant in Berlin-Neukolln. Another leading member of the German League, Thorsten Thuler, was injured severely. According to witness statements, 6 - 8 masked persons were the perpetrators. Tbere does not exist a detailed description of the attackers. A guest, who left the restaurant before the attack, but who was being associated by the authorities with the circle of perpetrators, allegedly was of "Southern or Southern European origin" according to witnesses. He spoke accent-free German (according to a witness).
The state security apparatus immediately says it suspects that the perpetrators come from "Turkish or Arabic circles." The ruling CDU representative, Klaus Landowsky, attributes the action to "militant foreigner groups from the leftist terror scene". The leader of the DL, Neubauer, uses the attack as a pretext to warn against "foreigner's terror against Germans."

On April 6, 1992, the State Security Servlce forms a 20-person special cornmittee, puts out a 10,000 DM reward and searches for the man "with the Southeastern European features", who left the res-

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taurant before the attack took place. On April 7th, this man turns himself over to the state forces. After a 3-hour interrogation he is released. There is no evidence that links him to the attack. Police insiders speculate that a "well-organized, leftist radical group from Kreuzberg" was behind the attack. Meeting places of immigrant youths are being surveilled by police. Open surveillance of individuals of Turkish origin and other intimidation attempts are taking place daily.

After a series of fruitless raids and threats in the spring, of 1992, the courts throw out charges that the police try to bring. Furthermore, during this period, it becomes obvious that the fascist groups are privy to inside information about the investigation and about differences between the police and the courts over the case. The nazi magazine "Nation and Europe," publishes a report in Nov. 1992 that the perpetrators are known. Karl-Heinz Panteleit, a member of the DL and head of the nazi cadre think tank Hoffman-von-Fallerleben Bildungswerk, lodges a complaint against the state prosecutor in charge of the case of "hampering judicial procedures." State Security forces, we now know, gave the names and personal data of suspects to former DL-member Thorsten Thaler.

Abidin, whom the police are also looking for, turns himself in to the police. At the end of the flrst week, it becomes obvious that there are at least three more arrest warrants in existence.

During the third week of repression, Bahrettin is arrested after a house raid on December 2nd. During the fourth week the State Security Service continues to summon further witnesses. A witness support group forms itself to coordinate the subpoenas and their consequences. Erkan is transferred to the psychiatric unit of the Men's Prison in Tegel. It appears that the police still have 5 open arrest warrants in addition to the five arrests they have already made, so further raids and surveillance can be expected.

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For more information, write to the Antifaschistisches Info-blatt, c/o L. Meyer, Gneisenaustrasse 2a, 10961 Berlin, Federal Republic of Germany.

What You Can Do

Combating racism and sexism is everyone's responsibility. There are a number of things you can do, whether you live in southern California where PART operates, or elsewhere in the country, to participate in the struggle.

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Pressure is stepped up in the fall of 1993. On the second weekend in November Erkan is arrested and interrogated under circumstances that remain unclear today. There are indications that he was beaten and pressured. He made statements which no lawyer has been allowed to see so far.

On Monday November 15th, police and the State Security Service raided about a dozen apartments of anti-fascists, their relatives and friends. A 22-year old Kurdish woman is threatened with a gun to her head. Mehmet and Fatma are arrested during these raids. The parents of one of the persons on the wanted list are told that their son would be "liquidated" if he resists an arrest - a pocket-knife would be sufficient justification.

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She has "yard" (release from the cell for exercise) in a special security yard, and there is special surveillance there, to prevent her from speaking to other women. If she resists, yard time is cut immediately and she is threatened with the hole (solitary confinement). She was forbidden to touch her visitors. Until recently she was also denied a second woman for yard. Because she did not submit without resistance to these restrictive imprisonment conditions, but has fought for her rights, she is not very popular with some of the guards. She is subject to continuous harassments.

Mehmet is jailed in the preventive detention unit in the Men's Prison in Moabit and has yard together with two other fellow prisoners. But he does not have the right to participate in common events. Abidin is also in jail in Moabit and four times a week he can be locked in together with another prisoner for one hour; he has common yard, but no right to participate in common events.

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Subscribe to Turning the Tide, or become a sustainer. (See the sub-form elsewhere in this issue). Order a bundle yourself, or take the paper around to bookstores to see if they will carry it. Bring the paper to your library and ask them to carry it.

If you have information about racist activity, if you are the target neo-nazi harassment, or if you are planning anti-racist activity,

CALL PART'S ANTI-KLAN HOTLINE:

310-288-5003

This is a 24 hour message line. We will periodically update the message with important news and up-coming events.

CRIME AND PUNISHMENT

Senate Crime Bill

by
the Center for Constitutional Rights (CCR)

On November 19, 1993, the Senate passed an omnibus crime bill by an overwhelming vote of 95-4. The House of Representatives did not pass a similar Crime Bill because of strong objections by the Congressional Black Caucus and others. The startling fact is that many repressive and counter productive amendments were added and voted on to the Senate version of the Crime Bill without public hearings or considered debate. In fact, the House never even considered the amendments that the Senate added on. A different bill had been presented by Representatives Craig Washington, Edwards, Conyers, Scott, Watt, Tucker, Rangel, Payen, Schroeder and Becerra (known as the "Washington" Bill) which addresses the issues of crime in a thoughtful manner, but it has yet to be publicly debated.

The full impact of the Senate Crime Bill on the lives of poor people, people of color, immigrants, and children is shocking. It will execute more people or lock them up for longer periods of time, disregarding Constitutlonal protection, without having any appreciable effect on crime in our society. We must make people aware of some of the more draconian aspects of this blll so that you can voice your opposition. Therefore, any efforts to alert Senate or House members of your opposition and specific problems should begin immediately. A list of target Congresspeople will be found at the end of this alert.

All of us can agree that we would prefer a life free from crime, violence and fear. Politicians have long used the political issue of Prisons, longer sentencing, new death penalties, trying young people as adults, boot camps; while at the same time failing to fully fund the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act or the many non-profit proposals aimed at turning around the lives of young people in trouble. In addition, the bill, establishes a new federal anti-gang statute with mandatory minimum penalties. In a recent special report to The New York Times it was reported that "using a variety of criteria, from a youth's choice of clothing to tips from informants, the Denver police have compiled a roster of suspected gang members so vast that it could include two of every three young black men in the city.... law enforcement. The bill makes possession of a gun or ammo by a minor a federal crime, makes street gang membership a federal conspiracy crime with sentences up to the death penalty, denies federal benefits to legal aliens and mandates state and local agencies (including hospitals and schools) to collect — and share with the INS — information on their clients' immigration status. The bill also establishes a $22.68 billion "trust fund" to build regional prisons and provide other grants to states that adopt the federal sentencing minimums. It provides, overall, for an unprecented centralization and expansion of law enforcement, judicial and correctional activities.

If the crime bill passes into law, we will, as a society, experience a rapid and frightening loss of constitutional rights. Given the already disproportionate treatment of African American and Hispanic males in the criminal justice system, this bill can particularly be viewed as an attack on people of color. Treating kids as young as 13 as adults in the criminal justice system is a crime. Warehousing children into training schools and boot camps will not solve the problem of juvenile crime. What input do we have into the content of these correctional schools and camps? The regimentation and militarization of young people who choose boot camp over a jail cell does not seem to be working. Based on a theory that combines a militaristic approach toward discipline and control with incarceration, the boot camps are more inclined to enrage, dehumanize and disempower young people than to inspire positive motivational change.

The prison industry is one of the fastest growing industries in the U.S. today. Imagine a future that replaces our fading industries, be they military defense, automobile or textile, with prisons! In addition to the construction and staffing of the inmates, the inmates become a vast pool of cheap, controlled labor contracted out to manufacturers. As incarceration is increasingly privatized, the crime enue stream and labor source to this burgeoning private enterprise.

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Crime and violence by young people is very real and as the options become more and more limited for a future of promise, particularly for poor people and people of color, anger is a natural response. But what does the Crime Bill offer as a solution? while at the same time failing to fully fund the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act or the many non-profit proposals aimed at turning around the lives of young people in trouble. In addition, the bill, establishes a new federal anti-gang statute with mandatory minimum penalties. In a recent special report to The New York Times it was reported that "using a variety of criteria, from a youth's choice of clothing to tips from informants, the Denver police have compiled a roster of suspected gang members so vast that it could include two of every three young black men in the city.... Blacks represent only 5 percent of the city's population but accounted tor more than half of the names on the pollce list. Hispanic residents, who represent 12 percent of Denver's population, accounted for about one-third of the list. Whites, who represent 80 percent of the city's population, accounted for less than 7 percent."

Some of the worst provisions of the bill include an unprecedented expansion of the federal death penalty, increasing mandatory minimum sentences, $500 million for the Bureau of Prisons to grant to the states for building new juvenile detention facilities, bonus grants to states that try children as young as 13 in adult courts for certain crimes, and adopting the same critieria for federal courts and rapid and frightening loss of constitutional rights. Given the already disproportionate treatment of African American and Hispanic males in the criminal justice system, this bill can particularly be viewed as an attack on people of color. Treating kids as young as 13 as adults in the criminal justice system is a crime. Warehousing children into training schools and boot camps will not solve the problem of juvenile crime. What input do we have into the content of these correctional schoo1s and camps? increasingly privatized, the crime enue stream and labor source to this burgeoning private enterprise.

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Open address to the family of Polly Klaas

by

Ruchell Magee

Survivor of the August Rebellion

The case of Polly Klaas is open. Don't allow it to shut with politicians' rhetoric about changing the law ro make repeated offenders serve more time. Look at what the case really exposes about the criminal justice system.

The violence of hatred, and the violence of absolute injustice -- making the peaceful conduct of our days impossible -- are no strangers to our community. To deal with them, let us not overlook the need for governmental reform. The main reason for the senseless killing of Polly Klaas can be found in the attitudes and actions of the court system and the parole board. Since day one, the Board has rejected SB 42, the "Determined Sentence" law (DSL), enacted in 1976. The public then was demanding abolition of the Parole Board upon recognizing its corruption.

The Board's argument was that DSL (determined sentencing) would let "dangerous criminals" back on the streets before they were punished enough. In reality, the Board feared DSL would make its political frame-ups clear to the public eye. People would see that something is politically wrong when a prisoner convicted

of kidnap to rob $10 (where the record shows no violence) does more time in prison, because of the Board's power, than the inmates who are proven serial killers, rapists and kidnappers.

In my case, DSL required that Board or the sentencing court give me a DSL hearing on or before July 1, 1977, and set prison time at eight years upon confirming non-violence in the trial record of my 1963-65 case. The Board, however, refused to release me because it was focused on the irrelevant factors of what others did in 1970 [in the Marin Courthouse Rebellion led by Jonathan Jackson -- ed.].

The killing of Polly Klaas has the Board's fingerprints on it. They released her killer. What I am saying is, don't let the Board play the criminally insane against you, to tell you what to think, to report your thoughts as a demand of the people to change determinate sentencing. Ask yourself, why would the Board refuse to comply with DSL as to this writer before Polly was born, yet claim it would have violated DSL to block the release of the mental-defect who killed Polly?

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As long as wrongful imprisonment goes uncorrected, these cowards called prison officials reach high rank by dragging down people's dignity in secrecy.

Nothing in the Determined Sentence Law needs changing until every prisoner convicted under the wrong sentencing statute is corrected as the senate bill intended. Rather than fall in with the Parole Board's and politicians' scheme to blame DSL and not the Board for the release of Polly's killer, we demand a presidential assignment of a special commission to investigate the Parole Board for racketeering, in its selective incarceration of political inmates and its release of known criminally insane inmates without warning the community. If you take up this call in response to Polly's death, your voice will be heard far and wide, and send a message to all corrupted law enforcement.

In my federal habeas corpus case, the state cannot be cught publicly denying evidence of innocence, so Judge Lowell Jensen [former prosecutor of Black Panther Party members in Oakland --ed.] and others on the U.S. Northern District of California court have blocked a hearing on the factual evidence of my wrongful imprisonment. Such imprisonment is a crime

Mandatory Minimum

In our movement for prisoner rights and human rights, there's an issue which we need more progressive individuals, that are sensitive to keeping equal justice in mind, to work around. You might even have a loved one who has fallen victim to the injustice that mandatory minimum sentencing has been the reason for a long sentence that didn't fit the crime! This message is a call to action; this political

vice is used to incarcerate our youth and separate our families in our communities. In 1986 and 1988 Congress passed mandatory minimum sentencing laws for drug offenders; now these laws prohibit judges from considering any of the facts of a case when sentencing a drug offender or firearms offender; and in most cases the sentence is at least 10, 15, 20 years or more and this is for non-violent first offenders. It's a fact that the drug problem in the U.S. Empire inside our communities is devastating; and solutions to our youth, and gang violence aren't just around the corner in the 90's. But wouldn't it make

The U.S.Sentencing Commission has reported that Afrikans and Latinos are charged with and receive mandatory minimum sentences more often than whites arrested on the same

charges. As you can see, mandatory minimums are counter-productive.

Our task, as workers, and strugglers for equal justice and prisoners' rights, is to help the masses understand that their circumstances can change and U.S. lawlessness can be ended in oor communities. We must continue to work and organize around the issue of injustice in every community, workplace, and college campus, to change public attitudes towards our sentencing laws. We need to get more people interested in our youth and attacking social problems. With self-determination, we can accomplish change in the judicial system and in society. This is a movement and we can never compromise in the struggle for justice and equality.

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Compare those releases to my case. My crimes in the eyes of the Board are 1) being Black; 2) lacking public support; and 3) seen as a symbol of rebellion. To the Board, these are far worse crimes than rape, kidnap, and murdering children. Not only have I been held more than 30 years in prison; since August 1978 I have been held hostage in a dungeon-cell for written protests of hate crimes. I have a writ of habeas corpus pending, exposing the wilfull manipulation by judges of technicalities to avoid addressing the real issues and releasing me as a victim of malicious prosecution.

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Community moral strength and unity are the best defense against such judicial crimes and political corruption. Be aware that the California legislature consists of self-deceived con artists, concerned with dollars only. They will try to take advantage of your grief and outrage over Polly for their own purposes. We the people must continue to work positively for change. Polly Klaas's civil rights were violated by the Parole Board's criminal negligence! Don't let them divert you from their crimes.

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Currently taxpayers pay approximately $20,000 per year to keep a man behind bars. Mandatory minimums aren't tough on crime, they are tough on our families. Without equal justice under the law, taking away the ability for a judge to determine the appropriate sentence doesn't solve the problems for the oppressed masses of people in Amerika; or in our Afrikan and Latino communities. Racial disparity in sentencing laws has also increased under federal mandatory sentencing laws.

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The history of our people's struggle has taught us that liberation and justice isn't simply a matter of seizing political power. It takes the strength of the masses in our communities and behind prison walls in supporting an issue to uphold justice with the insurance that the judicial system in the U.S. one that oppresses our people to this very day cease with mandatory minimum sentences. Help us break the chains of racist injustice through agitation and demonstration.

Peace and Power to You!

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Nazis and Canadian Big Business

by
A Canadian Correspondent

A recently released RCMP (Royal Canadian Mounted Police) document from the 1950s reveals that the International Nickel Corporation Ltd. (better known as INCO) imported former members of the Nazi SS and Hungarian anti-communists, many of whom were likely fascists, into Canada to act as union busters. The Nazis were probably brought to Sudbury to fight against the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, which at that time was a Communist controlled union.

According to the RCMP document, they carried out violent attacks against workers and initiated a 1961 riot outside the Miner's union hall. According to eye witnesses at the time, police stood by and let anti-Communist rioters have free rein.

How surprised should we be that Canada, a Western-style democracy, would use and give refuge to Nazis? Not very. During the post-war period many Western "democracies" saw fit to use fascists, including wanted war criminals, to carry on covert (i.e. illegal) anti-communist assignments. At times this relationship proved to be embarassing, as in 1952 when it was revealed that the US Army Counter-Intelligence Corps (CIC) and the fledgling Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) had been training members of the League of Young Germans (Bund Deutscher Jugend - BDJ) for guerrilla warfare in Germany, the idea being that they were to form a backbone of anti-communist resistance in case of a Soviet invasion. According to a subsequent investigation by the West German government, the BDJ was a far right group, many of whose members were veterans of the Waffen SS and enthusiastic

Contrast this to the fact that as early as 1950 the parliament decided to allow 600 members of the 14th Waffen SS Division "Galicia," who had been interned in England since the end of the war, to immigrate into Canada. Although many had probably been soldiers overwhelmed by events beyond their control, some were Nazis who had participated in anti-Jewish actions; some members of the Galicia division even served as concentration camp guards. Although they were wanted for prosecution for war crimes by the Soviet Union, they had escaped to England in 1946 thanks to the personal intercession of Pope Pius XII and the efforts of the Intermarium (an extreme right, staunchly anti-communist Roman Catholic organization which was instrumental in developing escape routes for many Nazis after the war).

Even as of 1993, there have been only 3 Canadian prosecutions of war criminals, and only forty are under current investigation, despite the fact that RCMP documents have revealed that there are over 300 suspected war criminals who live in Canada, and that it has been acknowledged that the US Army

Milrod Metal Products Ltd., an ITT-owned company. Also, acting as an agent provocateur, he planted a bomb, meant to be blamed on labor, in a trailer belonging to Sayvette Ltd. in Mississauga in 1974.

Richardson, who studied chemistry at the Catholic University of America in Washington DC, claimed to have worked on a one-year assignment for the US CIA in 1968-9. He then went to work for US Army Intelligence in 1970 (army intelligence divisions tend to be holding tanks for far right agents). In early 1972 he received "landed immigrant" status in Canada (permanent legal residency), presumably while he must have been Absent With Out Leave from the US Army. Shortly after, Richardson applied for and was given a job by Wackenhut of Canada Ltd. - the local division of the Wackenhut Corporation, the world's largest privately owned "security" firm, a kind of private far right secret intelligence service. Founded in 1954 by George Wackenhut, a former FBI agent, Wackenhut Corporation was driven out of Belgium in the early '80s when some of its agents were revealed to be neo-nazi activists. They were implicated in the bombing of a synagogue they had been hired to protect, as well as in the sequestering and beating of immigrant children.

After Wackenhut, Richardson apparently went to work on a pro-

The EBS was the direct fore-runner and ancestor of both the Western Guard (which in turn gave us the Nationalist Party of Canada, from whose ranks sprang today's neo-nazi-oriented Heritage Front) and Paul Fromm's collection of racist and authoritarian pressure groups (such as Citizens for Foreign Aid Reforrn, Campus Alternative, Catholics Against Terrorism, Canadian Association for Free Expression, etc.). Prior to becoming the white supremacist Western Guard in 1972, the Society was active in propaganda against and physical confrontations with left wing activists. In 1970, Andrews could remark that they had counter-demonstrated at every major left-wing demonstration in Toronto over the preceding three years. Occasionally these counter-demonstrations would turn into violent confrontations.

In Part One of his book, Barrett reveals that he came across a document in 1982 which indicated that the Edmund Burke Society had been "set up for Canada's security services in order to draw out the left wing and crystallize its right-wing opposition." Although the document in question included allegations which Barrett did not feel were necessarily proven, he does indicate that there is much circumstantial evidence which lends plausibility to the accusation.

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cluding wanted war criminals, to carry on covert (i.e. illegal) anti-communist assignments. At times this relationship proved to be embarassing, as in 1952 when it was revealed that the US Army Counter-Intelligence Corps (CIC) and the fledgling Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) had been training members of the League of Young Germans (Bund Deutscher Jugend - BDJ) for guerrilla warfare in Germany, the idea being that they were to form a backbone of anti-communist resistance in case of a Soviet invasion. According to a subsequent investigation by the West German government, the BDJ was a far right group, many of whose members were veterans of the Waffen SS and enthusiastic Jew baiters in the Goebbels ministry during the Third Reich.

Given this State sponsorship of fascist activity, it's no surprise that prosecution of Nazi war criminals living in Canada has been a long time in coming. In fact, in 1962 the RCMP adopted an official policy to NOT investigate reports of war criminals in Canada, and although the federal government had copies of a 40,000-name United Nations list of war crimes suspects, it refused to pass these lists on to immigration officials (who at the same time were turning back Third World immigrants under Canada's policy of favoring white immigrants of British lineage). According to the Rodal Report (presented to the Deschenes Commission investigation of war criminals), in the postwar years it was easier for Nazis to enter Canada than it was for Jews waiting in displaced persons camps, due to rampant anti-Semitism among the RCMP officers responsible for interrogating Jewish immigrants.

wanted for prosecution for war crimes by the Soviet Union, they had escaped to England in 1946 thanks to the personal intercession of Pope Pius XII and the efforts of the Intermarium (an extreme right, staunchly anti-communist Roman Catholic organization which was instrumental in developing escape routes for many Nazis after the war).

Even as of 1993, there have been only 3 Canadian prosecutions of war criminals, and only forty are under current investigation, despite the fact that RCMP documents have revealed that there are over 300 suspected war criminals who live in Canada, and that it has been acknowledged that the US Army ran some of its escape lines for Nazi fugitives into Canada.

Of course, Canada's use of fascists to suppress dissent was not limited to war criminals from the Third Reich. Another example of the use of fascists as union busters is that of William Lou Richardson and Centurion Investigations Limited. During the early '70s, Centurion was commissioned by Douglas Aircraft of Canada Ltd. (now McDonnell Douglas of Canada Ltd.) to terrorize and frame radical workers in the United Auto Workers (UAW) local in Mississauga, Ontario. Towards this end, Richardson constructed two bombs which were to be planted in the car of UAW negotiator Archibald Wilson — a scheme which was never followed through on. In a 1980 trial of Centurion Investigations, Richardson admitted to having made the bombs, as well as to having planted a fake bomb and some stolen goods in the car of an Arab worker at Ralph

from the US Army. Shortly after, Richardson applied for and was given a job by Wackenhut of Canada Ltd. - the local division of the Wackenhut Corporation, the world's largest privately owned "security" firm, a kind of private far right secret intelligence service. Founded in 1954 by George Wackenhut, a former FBI agent, Wackenhut Corporation was driven out of Belgium in the early '80s when some of its agents were revealed to be neo-nazi activists. They were implicated in the bombing of a synagogue they had been hired to protect, as well as in the sequestering and beating of immigrant children.

After Wackenhut, Richardson apparently went to work on a professional basis with the RCMP until 1974, when he started to work for Centurion. As an example of how such corporate and state-guided right wing activity can flow into the radical/racist right, it should be noted that in the 1980's, Richardson was a member of Alexander James McQuirter's Canadian Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, (according to Stanley Barrett's excellent book "Is God a Racist?"). There he was in charge of infiltrating left wing and anti-racist groups.

Perhaps the most significant of all suspected State-sponsored fascist activities in Canada is the Edmund Burke Society. This group, the grand-daddy of today's racist right in Canada, was founded in 1967 by Paul Fromm (later a chairman of the North American chapter of the World Anti-Communist League), Don Andrews (later to found the third-position nazi Nationalist Party of Canada) and Leigh Smith.

Toronto over the preceding three years. Occasionally these counter-demonstrations would turn into violent confrontations.

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UPDATE FROM PART: Anti-Fascist iNFO in Vancouver BC reports that the anti-anti-fascist strategy which has emerged in Germany also seems to be developing in Canada. Two criminal cases are proceeding in Vancouver against anti-racist activists. Six anti-fascists were arrested at a demonstration against the extreme right "Canadian League of Rights." They face assault charges and are scheduled to go to court in May. Two other anti-fascists, Gord Hill and Jody Bailey were arrested ion weapons charges and for wearing masks at a demonstration against a scheduled appearance by Tom Metzger of WAR last year, sponsored by the Canadian Liberty Net, a neo-nazi oriented group in Vancouver. (Metzger was a no-show). Hill worked out a plea bargain for carrying a sling-shot and a molotov, and faces sentencing in late March. Bailey has pleaded not guilt and goes to trial in the summer. For more information, contact Anti-Fascist iNFO, Box 35, 1744 Kingsway, Vancouver BC V5N 2S3 Canada.

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He advocates a militant and if necessary armed response to racist and fascist groups aiming to liquidate their organizations.

Lorenzo Kom'boa Ervin is a bold, above-ground radical who is not confused, coopted or placated in our apathetic times.

His book is an inspiration and a challenge for any revolutionary, or anyone who aspires to revolutionary change, and I highly recommend it.

[Miguel Sanchez is an L.A. area anarchist activist involved in worker organizing with the I.W.W. --ed.]

Lorenzo Kom'boa Ervin

Lorenzo Kom'boa Ervin is coming to L.A. April 15-23 as part of a national tour. He will be speaking at Midnight Special Books in Santa Monica and a number of other venues. Contact Miguel Sanchez, 213-368-4604, for more information.

Lorenzo Kom'boa Ervin is a former member of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and the Black Panther Party who was forced into exile on a frame-up in 1968. In Cuba and later Czechoslovakia he became disillusioned with state socialism. Kidnaped and illegally returned to the US, he was sentenced to life in prison, where he embraced anarchism. His legal challenges resulted in his release, and he returned to his birthplace, Chattanooga, TN where he has been active opposing police brutality and organizing against the KKK. He participated in a civil rights suit that overturned the system of municipal government in the city which had disempowered the Black community. Recently, he has been active in anarchist circles nationally. He will be speaking about his experiences in SNCC and the Panthers, and fighting the cops and the Klan today. He will address the questions that confront the contemporary Black freedom movement from a revolutionary and anti-authoritarian movement, and the importance of building support for prisoners. --MS

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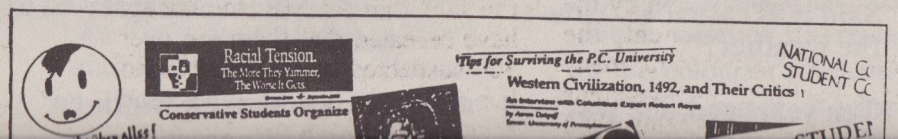

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The anarchist movement in the US today tends to be made up white, middle class intellectuals. Given their demography, Ervin argues, anarchists must recognize that their race and class privileges isolate them from other radical liberation movements. Rather than recruiting non-white, non-middle class members into their movement, he proposes that anarchists understand and assist, without coopting, the radical struggles of these groups, such as the Black liberation movement. Ervin does not assert that anarchists are white supremacists, but that in their belief that "in essence, black people are 'the same' as whites, and that we should fight around 'common issues' rather than 'racial matters,'" they do not recognize their own privileges within the scope of a racist society, and thus have a flawed strategy.

Aware of the social isolation of white anarchists, Ervin tells them, "there will be no revolution if white supremacy is not attacked and defeated first," in hopes that both groups can act on the principle of mutual aid.

Along with the general theme of the need for solidarity between socially diverse revolutionary movements, Ervin also discusses the tactics which he believes such movements should use, including Black tax boycotts, national rent strikes, urban squatting, a boycott of US business, and a Black general strike and struggle he sees as necessary and effective in revolutionizing society as a whole for the better.

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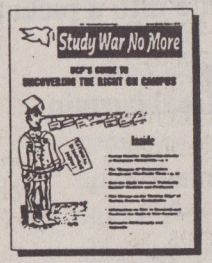
Uncovering the Right on Campus

A guide to investigating the activities of the right wing on college campuses, produced by the University Conversion Project, Cambridge, MA

Edited by Dalya Massachi and Rich Cowan

Guide to Uncovering the Right on Campus is a 52-page guidebook detailing how dozens of large right-wing foundations and organizations have spent tens of millions of dollars building up the Campus Right in the 1980s and 1990s. From Republican clubs to pro-military student groups to fundamentalist newspapers to endowed professorships. reactionary groups are engaged in political warfare to "claim the next generation." By bombarding campuses with messages that create hostility to progressive ideas, they hinder efforts to reshape Western Values and replace outdated concepts of "national security."



UCP exposes these attempts to promote racism, sexism, militarism and homophobia under the guise of opposition to "political correctness."

The Guide is essential for progressive activists on campus fighting this backlash. It describes coordinated harassment campaigns, expose networks of conservative professors, list key right-wing funders, organizations, and campus newspapers, explains how you can research the right-wing locally, including ties to your campus board of trustees. **To order a copy, please send $6 plus $1 postage to: University Conversion Project, Box 748, Cambridge, MA 02142.**

Positively Fourth Street

Having coffee at a local dive
and talking to Shaundra.
Between coffee gulps,
she'd toss her trademark
mane,
still keeping an eye on street
action.
"Did ja hear that a girl got
murdered last night?"
Said it as casual as "How's
the weather?"

Ten years ago, she was lead

those guys would sometimes
end up,
in the trunks of Lincolns.

Around that time, she would
sometimes
smoke a "little dust"
backstage.
One night, she missed a turn
and permanently screwed up
her knee.

So, -- now she's "work-en"

the Old New

Parade of the old New
by Bertholt Brecht

I was standing on a hill,
when I saw the Old come
down,
but it came as the New.
It crawled along on new
crutches, which had never
been seen anywhere
before and it stank of the
smells of decay,
which had never been smelled
before.

The stone rolled by as a
new invention,
and the war screams of the
gorillas,
which were beating their
chests,
presented themselves as the
latest compositions.
Everywhere one saw open
graves, which were empty,
as the New was advancing
towards the capitol city.

Everywhere those stood
around, who arose panic and
screamed:
Here comes the New, greet
the New, be as new as we
are!

And those who listened, only
heard their screams,
but those who watched, saw
some, who did not scream.

In that way, the Old came
along,
disguised as the New,
but in its triumph it led
the New in its tow,
and it was presented as
the Old.
The New walked in chains
and in rags,
they exposed their
blossoming limbs.

And the march moved through
the night,
but there was a flaming red
in the sky,
that was perceived as the
dawn.

And the screaming "Here
comes the New, this is all
new,
greet the New, be as new as
we are,"
would have still been audible,
if it hadn't been drowned out
by the thunder of cannons.

Turning the Tide

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Ten years ago, she was lead
dancer,
in one of the "flesh-and-
feather
productions."
Sometimes a politician
would stop backstage...
She "dated" one of them,
but the handcuffs and
executioner's hood,
became very creepy.

Back then, rent was
$800.00,
and baby-Sis had bone
cancer.

The show's producer was a
cokehead,
with a gambling-jones on his
back.
Most of his friends talked
like
tryouts for "Godfather III."

She "dated" Tony for awhile,
wouldn't let herself get
attached;
those guys would sometimes
end up,
in the trunks of Lincolns.

Around that time, she would
sometimes
smoke a "little dust"
backstage.
One night, she missed a turn
and permanently screwed up
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So, -- now she's "work-en"
Fourth St.,
and fewer BMWs stop --

Dates always tell her she
looks like MARILYN.

"Yeah, sure,
MARILYN's "dates" probably
owned limos
and had butlers from the
UK."

Tonight the sky is midnight-
blue
and a crow watches,
like some sentinel.

Notice her slide into a pickup
truck;
always hoping
it won't be a final curtain
call.

--Judy Miller

as the New was advancing
towards the capitol city.

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Turning the Tide

We are inviting submissions to Turning the Tide for our next two issues. The upcoming May-June issue, Volume 7 Number 3, will hopefully focus on reports of concrete anti-racist organizing projects. We hope you will write up your experiences, and share the lessons you have learned from your successes and failures withour readers. We will also do a semi-annual update of our list of anti-racist groups based on address corrections and new information we are steadily receiving. We also want to list local anti-racist efforts in southern California that got left out of our national listing in the last issue, as well as contacts in other countries, as TTT has a small but growing international circulation. If you have information to share, please get it to us ASAP.

The July-August 1994 issue (Volume 7 Number 4), will be a summer reading issue. We would like to run review of vital books for anti-racists, as well as some anti-racist fiction and more poetry. PART is a shoe-string operation and we cannot afford to pay for these submissions in anything but contributor copies, but we hope that will not deter you from sending us your creative or analytical efforts. Also, if you have ideas for appropriate themes for future issues, please let us know. Send your submissions to PART, PO Box 1990, Burbank CA 91507, or call us at 310-288-5003.

CONFRONTING U.S. COLONIALISM

Hawaii

One of the struggles currently being waged by the Hawaiian people in asserting their sovereignty is to protect the land and sea from further degradation. One front of that struggle is the movement to protect Kohanaiki, an area of great cultural and historical significance and natural beauty, from development as a resort. This movement has the support of many non-indigenous people of conscience in Hawaii. We are reprinting here some material from the Protect Kohanaika 'Ohana (PKO), including their statement of principles, and responses from young indigenous Hawaiian students to their exposure to Kohanaika. You can contact PKO at P.O. Box 592, Kealakekua, Hawaii 96750. Also, copies of PART's "Symposium on Hawaiian Sovereignty," from TTT Vol. 6 #5-6 are available for the asking from PART with a stamped, self-addressed envelope. This symposium includes several documents from Hawaiian sovereignty organizations, a New Afrikan view of the struggle, and findings of a special tribunal that looked into charges of genocide.

BY COMBINING ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVISM WITH CULTURAL AWARENESS WE CAN REACH OUR GOALS

STATEMENT OF GOALS.

NATIVE HAWAIIAN RIGHTS. Preserve and protect the rights of indigenous Hawaiians to access, fish and gather, and participate in culturally relevant activities.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES. Preserve and protect the many cultural and historic sites at Kohanaiki and restore where possible.

KALOKO HONOKOHAU NATIONAL PARK BOUNDARY. Maintain and enhance the integrity of Kaloko Honokohau National Park by protecting the Congressionally mandated buffer area from encroachment by development.

ENVIRONMENT. Preserve and protect the anchialine ponds and marine ecosystems.

ENDANGERED SPECIES. Seek to implement Federal, State and County laws to protect endangered flora and fauna at Kohanaiki.

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"Kohanaiki holds a lot of memories, and it means a lot of things to people. Yet people want to build resorts over our memeories. That is not right. We should learn to respect our aina, or we will have no aina. We, the Hawaiian people, must come together and learn with and from each other. We must learn to love each other more, respect each other, help each other and work together to keep our culture alive, keep our land and in order to keep our race going." Noealani, 10th grade.

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